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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

FOIA Service Center

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Ms. Abigail Moats Intake & Digital Advocacy Manager National Student Legal Defense Network 1015 15th. St. NW Washington, DC 20005

RE: FOIA Request No. 22-02691-F

Dear Abigail Moats:

This letter is a final response to your request for information pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, dated May 5, 2022, and received in this office on May 6, 2022. Your request was forwarded to Federal Student Aid (FSA) to search for documents that may be responsive to your request.

You requested the following:

- 1. The total number of borrower defense claims filed from April 1, 2022, to April 30, 2022, broken down by institution.
- 2. The total number of borrower defense claims granted between April 1, 2022, and April 30, 2022, broken down by institution.
 - a. Of the granted claims, the total number that received monetary relief, broken down by institution;
 - b. Of the granted claims, the total dollar amount discharged, broken down by institution.
- 3. The total number of borrower defense claims denied between April 1, 2022, and April 30, 2022, broken down by institution.

(Date Range for Record Search: From 4/1/2022 To 4/30/2022)

Available for Public Access Link (PAL) download are 11 pages of fully releasable documents responsive to your request. The documents are as follows:

► FSA Response 22-02691-F

You can access your PAL account or register for a PAL account at this link: <u>https://foiaxpress.pal.ed.gov/app/PalLogin.aspx</u>

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Provisions of the FOIA allow us to recover the costs pertaining to your request. The Department has concluded that you fall within the category of Other. However, the Department has provided you with this information at no charge. The Department's release of this information at no cost does not constitute the grant of a fee waiver and does not infer or imply that you will be granted a fee waiver for future requests made under FOIA to the Department. Because we were able to locate and process these documents at minimal costs, they are provided to you at no cost.

You have the right to seek further assistance from the Department's FOIA Public Liaison, Robert Wehausen. The Department's FOIA Public Liaison can be reached by email at <u>robert.wehausen@ed.gov</u>; by phone at 202-205-0733; by fax at 202-401-0920; or by mail at Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Ave., SW, 7C132, Washington, DC 20202-4500, Attn: FOIA Public Liaison.

If you have any questions, please contact the FSC at (202) 401-8365 or EDFOIAMANAGER@ed.gov.

Sincerely,

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