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Trade group sues District of Columbia to prevent student loan borrower confusion

Lawsuit challenges local law imposing regulations preempted by federal law

Washington D.C.—Today, the Student Loan Servicing Alliance (SLSA) filed a civil action in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia challenging District of Columbia Law 21-214 and emergency rules to impose additional requirements and fees on federal student loan servicers beyond what is prescribed by federal law. The lawsuit was filed on the grounds that federal law preempts D.C. Law 21-214 and the emergency rules.

"The District's law and regulations are well-intentioned, but they hurt borrowers more than they help. Adding state requirements on top of already stringent federal guidelines violates federal preemption and creates additional layers of complexity," said SLSA's Executive Director Winfield Crigler. "This lawsuit is about preserving uniform federal guidelines to ensure borrowers know what to expect from their servicer regardless of where they live."

To access the full text of the lawsuit, [click here](#).

To learn more about federal preemption of student loans, click [here](#).

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SLSA is the trade organization representing student loan servicers in the Federal Family Education Loan Program (FFELP), the Federal Direct Loan Program (FDLP), as well as servicers of private education loans. As loan servicers, we provide the full range of servicing operations, including conversion from in-school status to repayment, payment processing, customer service, collections, and claims processing for defaulted loans.

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