

# »» Preserve the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program

The PSLF program ensures that talented professionals are available to serve as healthcare providers, first responders, and public safety professionals in localities across our nation. For too many of our veterinary college graduates, student loan debt is a crippling barrier to pursuing careers in public service and academia.



- The PSLF was created in 2007 as part of the College Cost Reduction and Access Act. We are just starting to see the first group of borrowers who are eligible for forgiveness.
- Over 120 veterinary organizations have signed a letter supporting the continuation of this critical program.
- These roles include key positions at state departments of agriculture, fish and game departments, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) at USDA, and the National Animal Health Laboratory Network (NAHLN), as well as faculty positions at our member universities.
- Our graduates are counting on Congress and the Administration to keep the promise created when the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program (PSLF) was created.
- The PSLF is an essential tool necessary to attract a trained workforce of veterinarians to advance animal and human health, and public food safety.
- H.R. 4508, the PROSPER Act, which passed out of the House Committee on Education and the Workforce, essentially ends the PSLF program for most students taking out loans after June 30, 2019.

We urge you to keep the PSLF as an important part of the income-based repayment structure, and to vote against any version of Higher Education Act reauthorization that eliminates this critical program.