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## Waters, Durbin Reintroduce Bill to Give Students Defrauded by For-Profit Colleges Their Day in Court

Written by Congresswoman Maxine Waters

WASHINGTON — U.S. Representative Maxine Waters (D-CA-43) and U.S. Senator Dick Durbin (D-IL) and have reintroduced bicameral legislation designed to strengthen students' ability to hold for-profit colleges accountable in court for their misconduct. The Court Legal Access & Student Support (CLASS) Act prohibits any school receiving Title IV student aid funding from placing restrictions on students' ability to pursue legal claims, individually or with others, against higher education institutions in court.

The CLASS Act aims to end the strategic use of mandatory arbitration and class action waiver clauses in enrollment agreements by for-profit colleges. Legitimate non-profit colleges and universities do not include mandatory arbitration clauses in their enrollment agreements, but these clauses are a hallmark of the for-profit college industry. If this bill had been law in the last several years, many students defrauded by Corinthian Colleges and other now-defunct for-profits would have been able to seek redress directly from their school instead of being forced to seek relief from the taxpayers for their student debts.

"The for-profit college industry is rife with bad actors that lure potential students into some of the most expensive academic programs, all while knowingly and fraudulently misrepresenting the quality and success of these programs. These schools use mandatory arbitration clauses and other tactics to shield themselves from being held responsible for their wrongdoing," said Congresswoman Maxine Waters. "I am proud to introduce bold legislation that eliminates mandatory arbitration provisions and ultimately ensures that students have a right to their day in court."

"Mandatory pre-dispute arbitration clauses amount to traps in contractual fine print that hurt people and undermine their ability to seek justice. Predatory for-profit colleges often use these clauses in their student enrollment agreements in order to shield themselves from accountability," said Senator Dick Durbin.

"Students who were hung out to dry by deadbeat for-profit schools, with mountains of student loan debt, should be allowed to hold these schools directly accountable in court. That's why I'm reintroducing the CLASS Act which would end this shady practice in for-profit college enrollment agreements."

The House bill is cosponsored by Representatives Mark Takano (D-CA-41), Jackie Speier (D-CA-14), Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC), and Steve Cohen (D-TN-9).

The Senate bill is cosponsored by Senators Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI), Richard Blumenthal (D-CT), Mazie Hirono (D-HI), Elizabeth Warren (D-MA), Sherrod Brown (D-OH), Jack Reed (D-RI), and Ed Markey (D-MA).

The CLASS Act is supported by groups including the American Association for Justice, the Center for Justice & Democracy, Consumer Action, Consumers for Auto Reliability and Safety, the Institute for College Access and Success, Public Citizen, the National Consumer Law Center (on behalf of its low income clients), the National Association for College Admission Counseling, the

### New Orleans African American Museum reopens after six years

NEW ORLEANS (AP) - The New Orleans African American Museum has reopened after being closed for six years.

The museum, a showplace of art and historical artifacts relating to the city's African American heritage, first opened in 2000 and closed in 2013 for financial reasons. It reopened its doors Thursday, April 11.

News outlets report the grand opening included the debut of the exhibition "Everywhere We Are: Everywhere We Go: Black Space and Geographies." It will run through the end of 2019 and was produced in cooperation with Tulane University's Amistad Research Center.

Focusing on the history of Treme (TRUH-may), a New Orleans neighborhood established by free people of color in the late 18th century, the exhibition features photos of Mardi Gras Indians, musicians like Louis Armstrong, and the Treme neighborhood.

National Employment Lawyers Association, the National Student Legal Defense Network, and Young Invincibles.

## Poll: Most Americans say Trump makes race relations worse

By Jesse J. Holland

WASHINGTON (AP) - More than half of Americans say President Donald Trump has made race relations worse during his time in the White House, and more than two-thirds believe it has become more common for people to say racist things since he won the White House.

This is according to a Pew Research Center poll released April 9 that asked Americans their feelings about race in the United States.

Almost 3 out of 5 Americans, or 58%, say race relations in the U.S. are generally bad, and 56% of those in the Pew Research Center's "Race in America 2019" survey said Trump has made race relations worse.

Only one-fourth, or 25%, said former President Barack Obama, a Democrat and the country's first black president, made race relations worse.

Roughly two-thirds of Americans, or 65%, also say it has become more common for people to express racist views since Trump took office.

"One of the key takeaways is that Americans have a negative view of the country's racial progress and the current state of race relations," said Juliana Menasce Horowitz, Pew's associate director of research and one of the report's authors.

Trump, a Republican, has been dogged by racial turmoil during his time in office, including the deadly violence in Charlottesville, Virginia, during a protest against a Confederate statue and the administration's reaction to illegal immigration at the United States-Mexico border.

But the White House says Trump has regularly denounced racism.

"The president has been incredibly clear and has consistently and repeatedly condemned hatred, bigotry, racism in all of its forms whether it's in America or anywhere else," White House press secretary Sarah Sanders said last month.

There were major differences in how people of different races answered questions about race in

the United States.

For example, while more than 3 in 5 Americans, or 63%, said they think that the United States' legacy of slavery affects the position of black people in the country, 84% of African Americans agreed with that statement and 58% of white Americans agreed with it.

The gulf increased when Americans were asked whether the country has gone far enough in giving black people rights equal to those of white people. Overall, more than 2 in 5 Americans, or 45%, said they believe that the United States hasn't gone far enough, but 78% of black people agreed with that while only 37% of white people thought that statement was true.

Also, 50% of African Americans surveyed thought that it was not too likely or not at all likely that African Americans would eventually have equal rights in the United States.

Only 7% of white people thought it was unlikely that black people would achieve racial equality.



2019 Masters champ Tiger Woods completed arguably the greatest sporting comeback of all time as he put on the green jacket for the 5th time in his career. #CNN #News(Photo: Screenshot YouTube) (NNPA)

## The 2019 Masters: Tiger's Incredible Improbable Comeback to Win

By Stacy M. Brown, NNPA Newswire Correspondent @StacyBrownMedia

After 11 years, multiple surgeries and a myriad of personal drama, Tiger Woods won his fifth Masters Championship and his 15th career major on a sun-soaked Sunday at Augusta National.

It was the first time Woods had won at Augusta after he was trailing after 54 holes.

The victory also came following years of doubting whether he would ever be able to play at a high level.

"It's overwhelming because of what has transpired," Woods told reporters after he shot a -2 under 72 for -13 under overall to seal the victory. "It's unreal for me to be experiencing this. I'm kind of at a loss for words really," he said.

The victory, one of the greatest comebacks in sports history, had social media buzz.

"The National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) congratulates and salutes Tiger Woods as he wins the Masters Golf Tournament for the fifth time," NNPA President and CEO Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr., tweeted.

Chavis also noted the tough road Woods had to take to re-emerge as Golf's biggest star.

"Resilience is in our DNA," Chavis said, referring to African American and other minorities and certainly acknowledging the challenges overcome by Woods.

Golden State Warriors superstar guard Stephen Curry called Woods' victory, "the greatest comeback story in sports. Congrats Tiger Woods, let me hold one of those 5 jackets one time," Curry wrote on Twitter.

Tennis great Serena Williams said the win moved her to tears. "I'm literally in tears watching Tiger Woods. This is greatness like no other," Williams Tweeted. "Knowing all you have been through physically to come back and do what you just did today? Wow. Congrats a million times. I am so inspired. Than you buddy," Williams said.

Former President Barack Obama also offered his congratulations via Twitter.

"Tiger! To come back and win the Masters after all the highs and lows is a testament to excellence, grit, and determination," Obama said.

Fellow golfers like Phil Mickleson, Luke Donaldson, Gary Player and Bubba Watson also tweeted out their respects and congratulations to the 43-year-old Woods.

And, the "Golden Bear," Jack Nicklaus also expressed his appreciation and awe of Woods. "A big 'well done' from me to Tiger Woods," wrote Nicklaus, whose all-time record of 18 Major Championships is certainly within the reach of Woods, who now has 15.

"I am so happy for him and for the game of golf," Nicklaus wrote on Twitter.