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Whereas the Department of Education has already exhibited the ability to cancel the student loan debt of select borrowers¹⁰ while President Biden has exhibited the ability to delay repayment¹¹;

RESOLVED that the American Library Association (ALA), on behalf of its members,

1. calls on President Biden to cancel student loan debt for all borrowers.

Adopted by the Council of the American Library Association
Saturday, June 25, 2022, ALA Annual Conference, Washington, D.C.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tracie D. Hall', is written over a horizontal line.

Tracie D. Hall, Executive Director
and Secretary of the ALA Council

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