

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

SAMMIA PRATT, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

ELISABETH DeVOS,
*Secretary of the U.S. Department of
Education, et al.,*

Defendants.

Case No. 1:20-cv-01501-TNM

ORDER

Upon consideration of Plaintiffs' Unopposed Motion for Class Certification, the pleadings, relevant law, related legal memorandum in support, and entire record in this case, it is hereby

ORDERED that the Motion is GRANTED.

It is further **ORDERED** that

1. The following class is certified for purposes of this litigation:

All people who have taken out a Direct Loan or a FFEL loan to pay for a program of higher education, who have asserted a borrower defense claim, who have received or will receive by the time of entry of final judgment in this action a decision applying the partial relief methodology announced by the Department of Education on December 10, 2019 (and revised for accuracy, clarity, and technical corrections on August 4, 2020) ("Partial Relief Rule's methodology") to their borrower defense claim, and who have not and will not be granted full relief from their federal student loans under the Partial Relief Rule's methodology. Excluded from the class are people from whom the Department of Education has or will have by the time of entry of final judgment in this action accepted for reconsideration under 34 C.F.R. § 685.222(e)(5)(i) a request for reconsideration of the relief decision. Also excluded from this class are members of the class certified in *Calvillo Manriquez v. DeVos*, No. 17-cv-7210 (N.D. Cal.).

2. Sammia Pratt, Alicia Davis, and Brittany Saulsberry are designated and appointed as representatives of the class.

3. Public Citizen Litigation Group and the Legal Services Center of Harvard Law School are appointed as counsel for the class.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: September 22, 2020

TREVOR N. McFADDEN
United States District Judge