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# At the Request of President Biden, Acting Secretary of Education Will Extend Pause on Federal Student Loan Payments

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