



United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-0905

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The Honorable Harry Reid
Senate Majority Leader
The United States Capitol
Washington, DC 20510-7010

Dear Majority Leader:

We write to make you aware of our concern with provisions of contemplated student lending reform that could put jobs at risk.

First and foremost, we support reforming the federal student loan programs to generate historic budget savings that can be used to enhance Pell Grants and other education programs.

Increasing our nation's commitment to higher education funding is a priority, but we must proceed toward this objective in a thoughtful manner that considers potential alternative legislative proposals, while still delivering an equivalent amount of savings over the next ten years.

We look forward to discussing with you various ways to align the goal of increased education aid with our common mission of saving and creating as many jobs as possible.

Sincerely,

Senator Bill Nelson

Senator Tom Carper

Senator Blanche Lincoln

Senator Jim Webb

Senator Mark Warner

Senator Ben Nelson