



# WISCONSIN LEGISLATURE

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To: U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin  
U.S. Senator Ron Johnson  
U.S. Representative Paul Ryan  
U.S. Representative Mark Pocan  
U.S. Representative Ron Kind  
U.S. Representative Gwen Moore  
U.S. Representative Jim Sensenbrenner  
U.S. Representative Tom Petri  
U.S. Representative Sean Duffy  
U.S. Representative Reid Ribble

Honorable Members of the Wisconsin Congressional Delegation:

We Assembly Democrats write out of great concern for the nearly 160,000 Wisconsin college and university students impacted by the interest rate increase on subsidized Stafford loans, which took effect July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Doubling the Stafford loan interest rates, from 3.4% to 6.8%, will cost students another \$145 million. Sending Wisconsin students into deeper debt will hurt not only the students themselves, but also our state's economy, long-term. When college graduates are using every penny to repay educational debt to big banks and the federal government, they do not have money for homes, cars, or more minor purchases. In turn, our state's small businesses will suffer.

We think you'll agree, it is critically important that Congress acts quickly to find and approve a solution to this problem. Inaction is not an option. Please work together to help more Wisconsinites achieve their academic dreams, without being saddled by deeper debt. An investment in education is an investment in our future economic stability and strength.

We welcome the opportunity to speak with you about this issue in greater detail, and look forward to your response – and, even more so, to your action. Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

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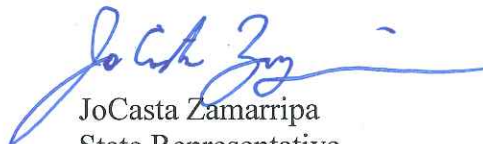


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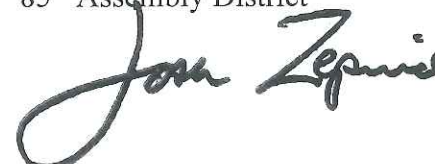


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