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April 25, 2012

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
United States Senate
361-A Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator McConnell:

I believe that no person in Kentucky with the drive and ability to succeed should be denied access to a college education because he or she can't afford it. However, far too often, the door of opportunity is closed or beyond reach for many of our children because of cost.

Despite having balanced Kentucky's budget eleven times in four years because of the economic recession, I have made protecting student financial aid a priority. You have the opportunity to do the same in Congress. If Congress does not act soon, interest rates for Stafford loans will double in July, putting a higher education out of reach for many Kentucky families. For Kentucky students, this means an average of \$942 would be added on to the cost of each Kentucky loan. For the almost 125,000 impacted Kentucky borrowers, the magnitude of this rate increase could be devastating.

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The Honorable Ben Chandler
United States Congress
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The Honorable Brett Guthrie
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