Dear Representative,

As a high school junior, knowing that the average college student graduates with \$26,000 in debt and that a high unemployment rate especially for newly graduate students exists, troubles me. Higher education needs to be more affordable for future generations and Senate Bill 11 is a step in the right direction by establishing the Student Opportunity Fund. This bill would reduce studentaccumulated debt and alleviate the substantial amount of the burden college students carry though the high expenses and resentful thoughts about the future. I urge you to support SB 11 and think of higher education as an essential part of the lives of future aspiring students, also as something that should be accessible to each individual.

Sincerely, Jennifer Jain West Linn High School