

Hello,

I work at a community college and have witnessed how social benefit programs (such as SNAP and STEP) help support our students. By lifting a small financial burden from their shoulders, federal, state, and local benefits programs help our students to persist in their studies and attain certificates and degrees. Finding such programs, however, is not always an easy task. Students are often confused about what programs are available, or how to apply for them. A campus benefits navigator could help connect students with social programs they are eligible for.

I would like to say that I'm in favor of HB 2835.

Sincerely,

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