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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Higher Education

Measure: HB3499

HB 3499 is ridiculous, in my opinion.

My husband and I both attended college and paid for it ourselves. My husband had a student loan which we repaid through monthly payments for five years. I had help from my parents, and also worked while attending school.

You are surely aware that when we receive something without any cost/hardship to ourselves, we usually are less-appreciative of its value. A college education is no different. Most students who get a "free ride" will find themselves using their time unwisely, because they have no skin in the game. I do not understand the line of reasoning that says that all people have a right to a college education (or the right to own a home, or the right to _____). That is not the mindset that this great country was built on.

I urge you to vote against this bill! We cannot financially afford it, and our young people cannot afford to believe the lie that everything they want will be handed to them, gratis. You do them a disservice.

Thank you.