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Speaker of the House
Honorable John Boehner
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Mr. Speaker:

I am writing to urge you to bring the Senate amended version of H.R. 1911, the Smarter Solutions for Students Act, which passed the Senate yesterday to the House floor for a vote. On July 1st of this year, Stafford student loan interest rates doubled. In this country, no student should be denied the opportunity to attend college and strive for a better future for themselves and their family because they cannot afford to pay for it up front.

There is broad consensus that keeping student loan interest rates low is the right thing to do especially in this unstable economic time, both because it encourages students to invest in their education and provides students and families currently carrying debt the ability to budget and plan for the long-term. Further, as a country we must be investing in the education and future of America's students if we are to keep pace with competitor nations in the global economy.

Leaders in the Senate came together to forge this compromise solution that, while not perfect, will help keep college in the realm of possibility for students across the United States right now. I hope that leaders in the House will now allow this version to come to a vote so that we can stop students and their families from bearing the cost of our inaction.

Respectfully,



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