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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.

I urge you to take swift action to avoid this increase, and ensure that the dream of an affordable higher education remains a reality for Kentucky's families.

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The Honorable Ben Chandler  
United States Congress  
1504 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Geoff Davis  
United States Congress  
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The Honorable Brett Guthrie  
United States Congress  
510 Cannon House Office Building  
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