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Legislative Inquiry: Where do you stand on these 3 issues?

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Cc: Sens. Dick Durbin (D-IL), John Cornyn (R-TX), Josh Hawley (R-MO), sponsors of **S.2598, FRESH START Through Bankruptcy Act**

Cc: Reps. Steve Cohen (D-TN-09), Danny K. Davis (D-IL-07), Eric Swalwell (D-CA-15), sponsors of **H.R.4907, Private Student Loan Bankruptcy Fairness Act of 2019**

Cc: *Tampa Bay Times*, *Lakeland Ledger*, and selected central Florida GOP leadership (Dr. Ed Shoemaker, Pres. W Polk faith-based Republican Club, Paul Hatfield, VP of same, Angel S. Urbina-Capo, Pres. Metro Tampa

Republican Club, and Republican Candidate for Congress Dist. 14, (Greater Tampa Bay, central FLORIDA), etc. **ATTACHMENTS:** Three (3) lists of supporters for the 3 legislative issues below, plus a legal memo on "student loan forgiveness" and the written testimony I submitted to the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee regarding **S.2598, FRESH START Through Bankruptcy Act**, plus your "Ready Room" newsletter!!!

Dear Congressman Franklin:

I am writing to you in my capacity as a constituent, asking where you stand on **three (3) key issues**. Although I have communicated with your office in the past (phone calls, emails, & comments on your Facebook & Twitter pages), I notice that most of my prior emails have been "feedback" from me and/or press inquiries (in my capacity as Press), and not formal "where do you stand" legislative inquiries, **asking as a constituent**. My apologies: While my feedback was (and is) important, I was too talkative, and didn't listen enough to ask you & my two U.S. Senators where *you* all stood. To that end, please see below a **short & sweet legislative inquiry, asking where you stand**. *(Also, after speaking with staff of both your office and that of a Member of Congress who doesn't represent me, they said it was OK to cc other lawmakers, not my own, to keep them in the loop & alert them that I'm asking you and Sens. Rubio and Scott to work with them on these 3 issues.)*

**** IMPORTANT CAVEAT:** While many people (see the 3 attached lists of "supporters" for all 3 issues) have been kind enough to give me their blessings to drop their name on a variety of issues, please note that I'm not representing that *all* my friends (many are your constituents) have lent their support on *all* the issues in question. For example, I emailed my friend, Dr. Peter Vincent Pry, and asked him if I could share his advice with my lawmakers & use him as a reference in support of the GRID issues (see last page of the attached file, "Supporters-GRID-UPGRADE-FINAL.pdf"), and he was kind enough to reply, "Gordon—Yes. Please do. As a fellow EMP Warrior, want to do everything possible to help. Keep fighting!—Peter." – However, while it should be clear from the context, just to be on the safe side, I want to remind you & the other cc recipients that, while the Congressional EMP Caucus is made up of Republicans & Democrats, the **EMP Taskforce**, which it created, is a **nonpartisan**, "one issue" organisation, and doesn't endorse or support any political parties, issues, or organisations—thus (for example) I don't represent that Dr. Pry, the Taskforce, or anyone else I've quoted in my 3 attached lists of supporters, is affiliated with or endorses my namesake blogs (*The Register*) or my "multi-issue" political advocacy project, **CONTRACT WITH AMERICA: PART II**^(TM). But, the Taskforce welcomes any and all publicity & support—and I will grant their request—*after my 3-part questionnaire, below*.

Using the same "multiple-choice" pattern which you've used in your "Ready Room" newsletters (see attachments) and Twitter (Hashtag: #CivicsWithScott), where you quiz constituents on governmental matters, please see below for my query. **I am directing these "constituent" questions to you, Rep. Franklin, and my two U.S. Senators, Marco Rubio and Rick Scott**. All other recipients may (if they chose) view my questionnaire as a "press inquiry," as Congressional Protocol prohibits me from asking you to represent me legislatively.

I. GRID

QUESTION: After recent solar superstorms shut down power grids, halted stock market trading, and disrupted Internet, communications (including your 911 service), and satellites -- and in light of recent cyber-hacking of many utilities and critical infrastructure (not to mention California wildfires, Louisiana flooding, and Texas snowstorms, or ever-present dangers of physical damage via terrorism or vandalism), will you immediately attempt to call as expert witnesses (to hearings) members of the EMP Taskforce (such as Dr. Pry or his colleagues), and work closely with fellow-lawmakers on the Congressional EMP Caucus to pass some version of the **CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROTECTION ACT (CIPA)**, **Secure High-voltage Infrastructure for Electricity from Lethal Damage Act (SHIELD Act)**, and/or **Grid Reliability and Infrastructure Defense Act (GRID Act)**?

[[A]] YES, I will do so, and report back my progress. **(This is the answer I'm looking for, but you can pick any answer you feel is right.)**

[[B]] NO, I do not view these as a threat, and we can't afford any new outlays in our budget.

Editor's Note: I recall your recent Nov. 16, 2021 hearing where you questioned Chris Inglis (National Cyber Director Executive Office of the President) Brandon Wales (Executive Director Cybersecurity) and Infrastructure Security Agency Bryan Vorndran Assistant Director, FBI Cyber Division, which is good, but did not address EMP, HEMP, Solar Super Storms, or physical threats to our infrastructure. Besides Dr. Peter Pry, there are also several of your constituents who are expert in this area, and might be qualified to testify, including the undersigned constituent: See the the attached file, "Supporters-GRID-UPGRADE-FINAL.pdf" for examples.)

II. PORK

QUESTION: Since you have vocally claimed to be a fiscal conservative, and it is plainly obvious that we need to cut pork (unnecessary spending) in order to fund GRID upgrades (see above) -- *and avert a crash of the dollar* -- and in light of the plain fact that higher ed loan subsidies caused almost ten percent (10%) of our national debt (almost \$2 Trillion divided by now over \$20 Trillion) -- making it the largest unneeded pork in the budget -- and since we clearly never needed these taxpayer-funded loans (because colleges was either free or real affordable, meaning no loans -- much less taxpayer-funded loans -- were needed), what do you plan to do?

[[A]] I will take extreme measures and cosponsor H.R.899 (To terminate the Department of Education), <https://www.Congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/899> and avidly support its Senate Companion bill, S.323, <https://www.Congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/senate-bill/323> because we did just fine without a Dept of Ed in decades past--and can do so again.

[[B]] I won't terminate/abolish the Dept of Ed (allowing them to act in an administrative, advisory, and/or rule-making capacity), but I will file the "extreme" version of the bill (see the very last page of the attachment "GordonWayneWatts_AMENDED_Testimony_SenateJudiciary_Tue03Aug2021_Proposed.pdf"), which reduces taxpayer-funded loan limits to zero for higher education loans. Note: There is no bill number, as no lawmaker has filed this bill to reverse the adverse effects of §422 of H.R.507 (109th CONGRESS), the "College Access and Opportunity Act of 2005," *so you'll have to see my attached proposed bill if you aspire to do this.*

[[C]] I will file the more moderate version (see next to last page of attachment above), merely rolling back loan limits to previous levels.

[[D]] I will file a bill like Sen. Rick Scott (R-FL) has proposed in his September 10, 2019 press release,

QUOTE: "I'm working on a series of bills right now that I'll be filing soon in the U.S. Senate to drive down costs and ensure students are prepared to get jobs. Here's what I'm proposing:...Third, if a college or university raises tuition or fees, they will be automatically cut off from ALL federal funding, including federally-guaranteed loan programs. That's right, ALL FEDERAL FUNDING WILL BE CUT OFF IF TUITION OR FEES ARE INCREASED. We held the line on tuition in Florida, and we can do it nationally. There's no reason universities should be raising costs on our students, even one bit. We can't allow it." Link: <https://www.RickScott.senate.gov/2019/9/sen-rick-scott-announces-proposals-lower-cost-higher-education> OR: <https://Archive.vn/bOr5L> OR: <https://Web.Archive.org/web/20201026053431/https://www.RickScott.Senate.gov/sen-rick-scott-announces-proposals-lower-cost-higher-education> OR: https://ContractWithAmerica2.com/SCOTT-PressRelease-Sept-10-2019_PDF.pdf

[[E]] NO, I will do absolutely nothing: I don't view the higher ed expenditures (taxpayer-funded collegiate loans) as a threat to our economy.

Editor's Note: I am 'OK' with any answer but 'E', so you have quite a bit of leeway to make your constituents happy.

III. STUDENT LOAN BANKRUPTCY UNIFORMITY AS THE CONSTITUTION REQUIRES (Art.I, Sec.8, cl.4, Uniformity clause)

QUESTION: Since it is common knowledge that college was once free, or at least very affordable, just decades ago (LINK: <https://ContractWithAmerica2.com/#freeREDUX> OR: <https://archive.vn/IQ9Wu#freeREDUX> OR: <http://web.archive.org/web/20211203102609/https://contractwithamerica2.com/#freeREDUX> with documented proof), and costs of college are no longer affordable, with Rick Scott being quoted as saying "When I went to college in the 70's, tuition was as low as \$200 a semester, with

no fees that I can remember," and WSJ quoting Sallie Mae CEO, AI Lord to wit: ""AI Lord, the former chief executive of student-loan giant Sallie Mae, has a complaint about higher education: The price of college is too damn high...The sting of high tuition hit him several years back when a grandson enrolled at the University of Miami, which currently charges \$75,230 a year for tuition and room and board. That is a far cry from the \$175 a semester Mr. Lord recalls paying for his own education at Penn State University in the 1960s," about a thousand dollars in today's dollars, accounting for inflation), what will you do?

[[A]] I will immediately ask President Biden to "forgive" all student debt by executive order, which he is authorized to do, but allow the Dept of Ed to continue spending trillions of taxpayer dollars for student loans. <<Not a good answer at all -- but it would actually NOT cost any taxpayer funds -- at all -- as said loans were already repaid several times over, once when students repaid \$1.22 for every dollar borrowed, and again when taxpayers paid off colleges. See my attached legal memos to verify this truth. If done by Exec Order would cost nothing, but if done by congress, would cost trillions due to "PayGo" rules, important nuance: See my attached legal memo for details, but this is moot, as we're all "Conservatives" here and don't support it.

[[B]] I will immediately ask President Biden to "forgive" all student debt by executive order, which he is authorized to do, but only on the condition that the department of education is shut down. <<Not a great answer, but it would work, saving trillions long-term.

[[C]] I will offer a "Conservative" alternative to liberal free handouts, and immediately file a companion bill to S.2598, FRESH START Through Bankruptcy Act (public student loans with 10-year waiting period and other accountability measures) and cosponsor H.R.4907, Private Student Loan Bankruptcy Fairness Act of 2019 (for private, not public, student loans), and support fellow lawmakers on these two bills. <<Best answer is our conservative alternative answer to liberal policies, and fixes unconstitutional bankruptcy code, while using free market pressures to drive down insane lending-- by making the lender, the Dept of Ed using your tax dollars, think twice before such insane lending is done.

[[D]] I will offer an alternative to those choices, and -- instead -- file a House companion bill for S.2596 - LOAN Act of 2021 (aka: Leveraging Opportunities for Americans Now Act of 2021), Sen. Marco Rubio's bill that would revise interest rates and repayment plans for federal student loans, to set the interest rate on federal student loans made on or after July 1, 2022, at 0% and replace the interest with a one-time financing fee. <<Sen. Rubio is well-meaning, but this is an absolutely horrible answer. See below for proof.

[[E]] NO, I will do absolutely nothing: I don't view "costs of college" as any problem: Students are not forced to take out student loans. <<Bad answer.

Editor's Note: "C" is the best answer, but "B" would save trillions long-term if you could actually shut down the Dept of Ed.

CONCLUSION: While you know where I stand on these 3 issues, I've been too talkative & not listened to *your* views. Please reply: If you said "YES" on the GRID question (answer [[A]]), picked 1 of the 4 "god" choices on the "PORK" question (i.e., anything but answer [[E]]), and chose to stand with your colleagues on the 2 student loan bankruptcy bills (answer [[C]]), then you need not bother yourself to look at the discussion below. You're a busy man, and this enjoyable, but unnecessary, distraction need not be reviewed.

If, however, you chose a "wrong" answer on any of the 3 questions, please see below for the discussion, and please clarify why you disagree with me, your constituent -- whom you represent -- and a whole bunch of your constituents -- **who have lined up behind me in support of many issues (see attachments).**

I. GRID -- It should be a no-brainer that we face huge threats when earth's protective magnetic field is slowly, but surely falling, leaving us progressively more vulnerable to solar flares and cosmic radiation (the latter of why we can't send explorers to Mars without huge radiation poisoning risk), and as documented on my research page (LINK: <https://ContractWithAmerica2.com/#freeREDUX> OR: <https://archive.vn/IQ9Wu#freeREDUX>

OR: <http://web.archive.org/web/20211203102609/https://contractwithamerica2.com/#freeREDUX> or see the research I've emailed you), but, if you read my "grid" supporters paper, and look carefully at Dr. Peter Pry's email to me dated Fri, Nov 12, 2021, 8:49 AM (quoted at point 22 on the attachment, "Supporters-GRID-UPGRADE-FINAL.pdf"), you will see he told me in succinct part: "4) Reference and/or provide copy of President Trump's EMP Executive Order, noting it is also supported by the Biden Administration. Why is there no money in the infrastructure bill to implement the EMP Executive order, just studies? 5) Attached find an e-copy of my new book Blackout Warfare that you might want to send to enlighten them further. Thanks for being an EMP Warrior! —Peter," to which I would reference his books in the links just above --and ask you to ask House & Senate leadership (both parties, Democrats & Republicans, as infrastructure is bipartisan), this question: **"Why is there no money in the infrastructure bill to implement the EMP Executive order, just studies?,"** and reprot back what you find out. Please remember that I, myself, am valedictorian of my college electronics class & can verify that both myself, Dr. Pry, **and numerous others listed on the attached supporters PDF prints**, understand & agree on this matter's urgency: <https://gordonwatts.com/education/> OR: <https://gordonwaynewatts.com/education/> OR: <https://web.archive.org/web/20210129165223/https://gordonwatts.com/education/> While the costs to Upgrade / Secure / Protect the "Grid" are minimal, nonetheless, they do cost something, & will ***ONLY*** be possible to fund if you cut unneeded pork spending. If you ignore me here, we WILL crash the dollar, and no "ifs, and's, maybe's, or but's," it will happen: **LINK:** <https://GordonWatts.com/#crash> **LINK:** <https://GordonWayneWatts.com/#crash> **LINK:** <https://Archive.vn/uf2ir#crash> **LINK:** <http://Web.Archive.org/web/20211115191044/https://gordonwatts.com/#crash>

II. PORK -- First off, both you and Rick Scott claim to be conservatives, and yet, even after years and years of "begging" from myself & numerous other "Conservatives," you lawmakers haven't even ***tried*** to **cut pork**, as I've been asking, above. **Moreover**, it is well-documented that **over ninety-nine (99%) percent of ALL PSLF (Public Service Loan Forgiveness) applicants are rejected**: Yes, you read correctly: Almost ONE-HUNDRED (100%) PERCENT of ALL PSLF applicants for forgiveness of student loans are rejected! So much for trying to "play by the rules" and "work off" your college debt with Public Service:

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See *also*: "The U.S. already has student debt forgiveness—but barely anyone gets it," by Abigail Johnson Hess (@ABIGAILJHESS), CNBC, Published Tue., Mar. 23 2021, 2:02PM(EDT), Updated Wed., Mar. 24 2021, 9:32AM(EDT), **LINK:** <https://www.cnbc.com/2021/03/23/the-us-already-has-student-debt-forgivenessbut-barely-anyone-gets-it.html>

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QUESTION: Can you tell me why we've had such abysamyl failures on both the "Liberal" programs (like PSLF) and the "Conservative" agenda (Pork spending cuts that never happened -- never were even attempted)? Yes,

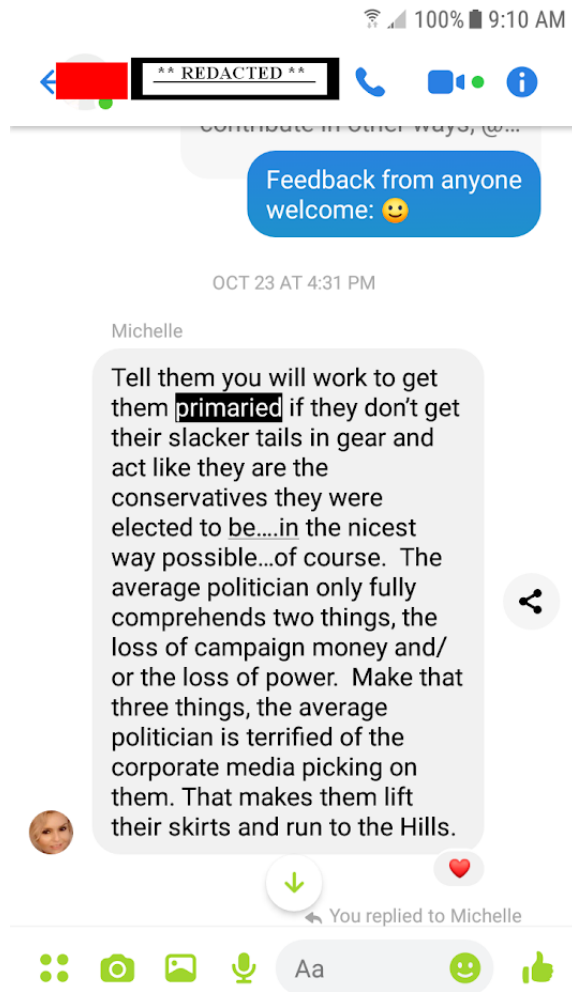
when bankruptcy defense was removed from student loans, students became defenseless victims, and the higher ed "swamp" lobbyists saw students and lawmakers as defenseless here -- lack of bankruptcy, the "Economic 2ND Amendnent" --and if yo udisagree, then please offer a better explanation. If not, then this is it. Therefore, that is precisely why Sen. Rubio's "cool" bill is not getting anywhere, even though it would (theoretically) make higher ed fees more fair and less oppressive. (That is why I said it was a "bad" answer: Only if/when you get behind Sens. John Cornyn (R-TX), Dick Durbin (D-IL), and Josh Hawley (R-MO), and push S.2598 through will Sen. Rubio's bill ever have a chance of being administered "fairly." That leads me up to my last point, Student Loan Bankruptcy Bills, S.2598 and H.R.4907:

III. Student Loan Bankruptcy Uniformity -- as required by the U.S. Constitution

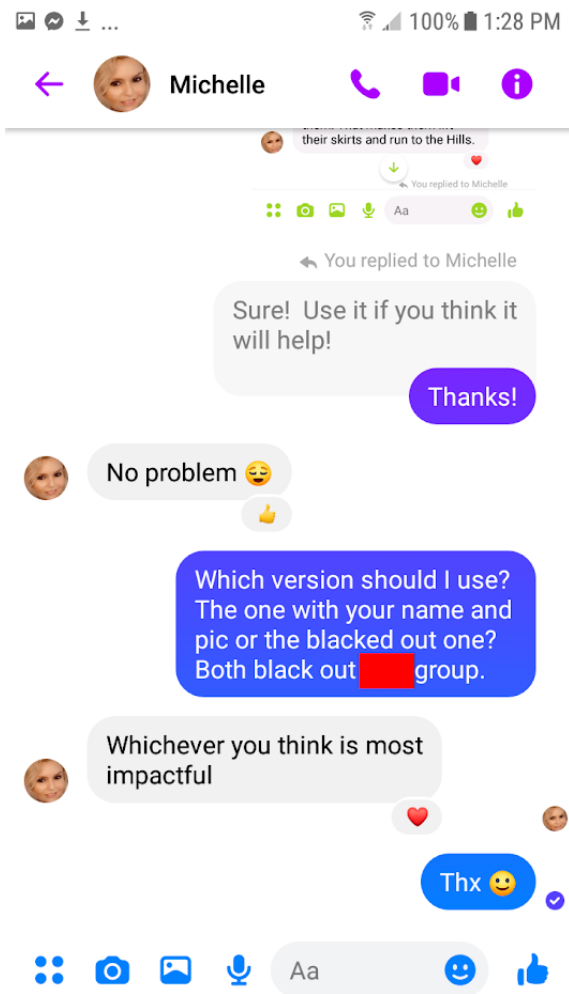
If you've chosen the "correct" answers in I, II, and III, above, then this reading material is absolutely not necessary (unless you want to gain a better understanding of the issues), but as I'm your boss (and not the other way around), paying you upwards of \$200,000.00/year, and supplying you with

fantastic legislative research staff -- and offering to help myself, I will cut right to the chase: As most of my friends friends have counseled me, Congressman Franklin (and Senators Rubio and Scott), I will be polite, but firm -- and show you the utmost respect, so when I complain that I'm paying you good money, it is nor meant as disrespectful or an insult, but before moving on to the "most important" part of my entire email (where I quote Rep. Danny Davis, D-IL, Rep. Matt Gaetz, R-FL, and Sen. Josh Hawley, R-MO, and give all 3 of them "high marks" for excellent quotes -- showing bipartisan agreement on 2 key issues), I am contained to make one very key point: We all know that "Liberals" and "Democrats" have much displeasure and dissatisfaction with you (whether right or wrong is beyond the scope of my email, today), but in case you have not noticed, a lot of "Conservatives" are highly disappointed and displeased with you (and most other GOP lawmakers), so, before I make my "closing arguments" in the event that they are needed to "convince" you to support these 3 legislative items above (and get said bills passed into law), please see but one set of screenshots of a conversation I had with a "very angry Conservative," who is one of your constituents -- and who has granted me permission to share this with you:

SCREENSHOT 1 of 2:



SCREENSHOT 2 of 2:



Closing Arguments:

I. GRID -- Ok, besides the solid scientific evidence I've provided you which shows the need secure the GRID (which I trust you accept and believe as truth and not alarmist exaggeration), please take a look at the attached PDF list of supporters: Besides the legendary Dr. Peter Vincent Pry, Executive Director of the newly re-instituted EMP Taskforce, who agrees with me (or is it *me* agreeing with him?), retired LPD Sgt. James Ring, your own community liaison, offered a supportive comment on my recent Facebook post LINK:

<https://www.Facebook.com/GordonWayneWatts/videos/577765013536627/> OR: <https://ContractWithAmerica2.com/FannyDeregulation/JamesRing-screenshot.PNG> about the need to secure the GRID. And, in addition to the strong bipartisan support from fellow lawmakers (see top of page), local electronics experts, Jim McGuire (local science expert), Gordon Wayne Watts (myself), and even Jim Sapp (my mentor) have backed me on this. In fact, John R. Anderson, a constituent of yours, residing in U.S. Congr. Dist. FL-15, a Democrat, agrees. The several times power, Internet, 911, GPS and satellites, and other electrical infrastructure was "knocked out cold" ****solely**** by solar flares (and that compounded by the fact that earth's protective magnetic field is slowly, but surely, collapsing) should be enough to convince you to not stop with that one hearing on cyber and hacking, but to finish the job.

II. PORK -- Here is a weak area, where GOP lawmakers (almost) never even attempt to cut pork (Sen. Rand Paul and Rep. Tom Massey and local congressman Matt Gaetz, who filed a "dead on arrival" Dept of Ed termination bill are rare exceptions, but while most political observers know that bill has no hope of passing in a Democratic Congress, if it did, Democrats would be happy when tuition dropped like a rock due to the removal of "propped up" higher ed tuition subsidies, plus taxpayers would postpone the inevitable crash of the dollar... maybe 1 more generation. The list of supporters for pork spending cuts (see the attachments) is impressive, with not only

politicians and lawmakers but also your own constituents: Please see the email Paul Hatfield (VP of Dr. Shoemaker's faith-based W. Polk Republican club) or John Anderson (the Democrat constituent mentioned above, who also supports spending cuts). **IMPORTANT:** While many spending cuts are needed, the most egregious example of unneeded (actually harmful) pork is taxpayer dollars to fund (make or back) higher ed loans: This costs not only taxpayers (for obvious reasons) but also students (because colleges raise tuition to match increased borrowing capacity), aka the "Bill Bennett hypothesis," please Google that if you're not old enough to remember Dr. Bill Bennett, Sec. of Education in the Reagan administration: Subsidies distort the free market, a "Conservative" principle which I don't see you practicing (but I hope you change course as soon as you get a chance to e-file or cosponsor certain bills).

III. Student Loan Bankruptcy uniformity, as the constitution requires -- Here is where I will "camp out" a little bit and make the last portion of my closing arguments.

If you take a close look at "Supporters-StudentLoanBankruptcy-only-FINAL.pdf," which is attached to this email, here, you will notice something very surprising: I have signed public statements from no less than four (4) local, central Florida leaders of Republican clubs, Judy Wise (President, Plant City (Fla.) Republican Women Federated, who supports student loan bankruptcy bill, S.2598 - FRESH START Through Bankruptcy Act, 117th Congress (2021-2022)), Dr. Ed Shoemaker (President, Faith Based Republican Club of West Polk Cty., Fla., Republican Party of Florida State Committeeman for Polk Cty., and RPOF CD15 Chair, supports student loan bankruptcy bill s2598), Paul Hatfield (Vice President, Faith Based Republican Club of West Polk Cty., Fla., Club Chaplain, and CFCA (Christian Financial Advisors Association) financial advisor, supports student loan bankruptcy bill s2598.), and Angel S. Urbina-Capo (President, Metro Tampa Republican Club, and Republican Candidate for Congress Dist.14, (Greater Tampa Bay, central FLORIDA), and CEO of Urbitech Systems, strongly supports student loan bankruptcy as a Conservative alternative to Liberal higher education policies).

It is surprising, because while the GOP has been better on some things (securing the border and opposing an inflationary minimum wage hike -- both of which would hurt middle class workers and those on fixed incomes), **"we Republicans"** have been VERY bad on student loan bankruptcy equality, of recent, often holding a widely unpopular **"bankruptcy for me, but not for thee"** double standard (*with Donald Trump's numerous bankruptcies for billions being one example, and the ability of both Credit Card users, gamblers, even "fly by night" colleges -- and their execs -- getting bankruptcy defense, but not college students told to "pay their debt" or go jump in a lake*). We hate double standards (which we accuse **Democrats** of doing with masks, vaccines, social distancing, etc.), right? Well, why, then do we do what we say is wrong? But -- as it turns out, Rep. Franklin, most Republicans (voters and constituents, not lawmakers) support student loans bankruptcy "fairness." PROOF:

The Harris Poll finds similar sentiments among Americans, "such as forgiveness of a flat amount of student debt (64%) and forgiveness of all student loan debt (55%), are supported by more than half the country," as well as "updating bankruptcy laws to get rid of student debt (66%)" and "restrictions or price controls on the cost of a university education (78%)." **Source: "Americans Overwhelmingly Support Student Debt Reform: The majority of Americans support reforms to student loans and education costs, and most think the new presidential administration is up to the task.," The Harris Poll, December 2020, LINK: <https://TheHarrisPoll.com/student-debt-reform/>** See the attached file, "Supporters-StudentLoanBankruptcy-only-FINAL.pdf" for details and thorough documented proof. In fact, **Forbes** reports, among other things, that 67% of Americans (incl. 58% of Republicans) support "widespread" student loan forgiveness—with only 26% in opposition, while another "33% of voters think that for-profit schools shouldn't get federal funds at all." **Source: "New Poll Shows Substantial, Bipartisan Support For Student Loan Forgiveness And Other Relief For Borrowers,"** by Adam S. Minsky, **FORBES**, September 25, 2020, 11:52am (EDT) LINK: <https://www.Forbes.com/sites/adamminsky/2020/09/25/new-poll-shows-substantial-bipartisan-support-for-student-loan-forgiveness-and-other-relief-for-borrowers/>

Now, with many "powerful Republicans" and many (probably many more?) "powerful Democrats" ****SQUARELY**** in my camp and in solid support of Student loan Bankruptcy (my Conservative alternative to the Liberal proposals floating around), you might wonder why not many of these "powerful" friends of mine are ringing you off the hook and/or calling, writing, and visiting. While I shall not share private conversations, the general theme among my

many friends on all political persuasions and on all issues is that they are too busy to take time to contact you (they work a living, hello?), and have delegated to me this task -- which I AM doing. *** I am taking "time off" from much-better paying work just so I can help avert a crash of the dollar or a crash of the GRID. *** While it sounds like I am boasting, please see my "credentials" in the footnotes of the written testimony I submitted to Sen. Dick Durbin's Judiciary Committee: I am the "same" Gordon Watts who did "better in court" than even former Fla. Gov. Jeb Bush when we both litigated the Terri Schiavo matter: I almost won my petition to be her "Next Friend" (a type of guardian), losing 4-3 in the Fla. Supreme Court. Bush lost 7-0 before the same panel -- and on the same matter. It is a matter of record:

[1] *In Re: GORDON WAYNE WATTS (as next friend of THERESA MARIE 'TERRI' SCHIAVO)*, No. SC03-2420 (Fla. Feb.23, 2005), denied 4-3 on rehearing. (Watts got 42.7% of his panel)<https://www.floridasupremecourt.org/clerk/dispositions/2005/2/03-2420reh.pdf>

[2] *In Re: JEB BUSH, GOVERNOR OF FLORIDA, ET AL. v. MICHAEL SCHIAVO, GUARDIAN: THERESA SCHIAVO*, No. SC04-925 (Fla. Oct.21, 2004), denied 7-0 on rehearing. (Bush got 0.0% of his panel before the same court)<https://www.floridasupremecourt.org/clerk/dispositions/2004/10/04-925reh.pdf>

[3] *Schiavo ex rel. Schindler v. Schiavo ex rel. Schiavo*, 403 F.3d 1223, 2005 WL 648897 (11th Cir. Mar.23, 2005), denied 2-1 on appeal. (Terri Schiavo's own blood family only got 33.3% of their panel on the Federal Appeals level)<https://media.ca11.uscourts.gov/opinions/pub/files/200511556.pdf>

[4] Key point: I'm not perfect, but I'm smarter than a whole team of lawyers -- combined - having done better than them in court, so please take my word when I say that I've studied this matter, and *my* solution is the only possible chance (and even that is not 100% certain) of averting a crash of the dollar and collapse of the economy

So, I have save the "best" for "last": I shall quote three fellow-lawmakers to illustrate my point:

In First (1st) place is Rep. Danny K. Davis (D-IL-07th), long-time, well-respected Democrat Illinois Congressman, who has served his district in Congress since November 5, 1996: <https://Davis.House.gov/biography> "Original cosponsor" of **H.R.4907 - Private Student Loan Bankruptcy Fairness Act of 2019, 117th Congress (2021-2022)**, LINK: <https://www.Congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/4907/cosponsors> Additionally, Rep. Davis made a succinct, but key, statement on this bill, earning him FIRST PLACE among my 3 quotes:

QUOTE: "Student loan debt is crushing millions of borrowers, especially students of color. The pandemic's dual economic and health crises have only exacerbated this harm, and education borrowers deserve the same bankruptcy protections enjoyed by other consumer borrowers. The 2005 bankruptcy restrictions penalize borrowers for pursuing higher education, provide no incentive to private lenders to lend responsibly, and likely affect African American borrowers more negatively than other borrowers. Private education debt is no different than other consumer debt; it involves private profit and deserves no privileged treatment. I will work actively with Congressman Cohen and Senator Durbin to protect student borrowers."

COMMENTS: Rep. Davis invokes two KEY "Conservative" principles above. First, the "Conservative" values of **moral rights/wrongs** is invoked by correctly stating that lack of bankruptcy uniformity affects people of colour & minorities more. Secondly, he invokes the "**Conservative**" **free market forces assessment** when he correctly states that removal of bankruptcy defense "provide no incentive to private lenders to lend responsibly," a free market force to make lenders and colleges behave—and stop wasting monies. This is significant for 2 reasons: First, while many view Davis as a "Liberal" or a "Democrat," he has a stronger grasp on key "conservative" principles than many GOP lawmakers. Secondly, if applied to public student loans, his "Free Market" analysis would also save trillions in tax dollars, helping taxpayer here (and students when colleges would be forced to lower tuition—and live within their means, as they did in the past). LINK: <https://Cohen.House.gov/media-center/press-releases/congressmen-cohen-davis-and-swalwell-introduce-private-student-loan> LINK: <https://Archive.vn/ZEbl1> LINK: <https://Web.Archive.org/web/20210702173309/https://Cohen.House.gov/media-center/press-releases/congressmen-cohen-davis-and-swalwell-introduce-private-student-loan> LINK: https://GordonWatts.com/FannyDeregulation/CohenSwallowwellDavis-statementsHR4907_PDF.pdf LINK: https://GordonWayneWatts.com/FannyDeregulation/CohenSwallowwellDavis-statementsHR4907_PDF.pdf LINK: https://ContractWithAmerica2.com/CohenSwallowwellDavis-statementsHR4907_PDF.pdf

Actually, congressman Davis is being very kind to you and other GOP lawmakers who have opposed this free

market check on insane financial bullying: He said that is "likely" affects African American borrowers more negatively." That is an understatement: **QUOTE:** "Four years after graduating college, black students owe nearly twice as much student debt as their white peers do and are three times more likely to default on those loans, according to a new paper by the Brookings Institution." SOURCE: "Black College Grads Have Twice as Much Student Debt as Whites," by Kerri Anne Renzulli, **TIME**, Oct 21, 2016: <https://money.com/student-debt-racial-gap/> OR: <https://Archive.vn/vyel0> OR: <https://Web.Archive.org/web/20210312220337/https://money.com/student-debt-racial-gap/> **See also:** "REPORT: Black-white disparity in student loan debt more than triples after graduation," by Judith Scott-Clayton and Jing Li, The Brookings Institution, Thursday, October 20, 2016: <https://www.Brookings.edu/research/black-white-disparity-in-student-loan-debt-more-than-triples-after-graduation/> OR: <https://Archive.vn/dijYs> OR: <https://Web.Archive.org/web/20210328013821/https://www.brookings.edu/research/black-white-disparity-in-student-loan-debt-more-than-triples-after-graduation/>

For these reasons, Congressman Davis (who succinctly invokes **2** Conservative principles to support his correct argument) gets 1ST place.

In Second (2nd) place is Sen. Josh Hawley (R-MO) **Conservative Republican**: Heritage Action continually ranks Sen. Hawley very Conservative, 94%, this session, well-above the 83% mark for "AVERAGE SENATE REPUBLICAN": LINK: <https://HeritageAction.com/scorecard/members/H001089/117> LINK: <https://Archive.vn/McmON> LINK: <https://Web.Archive.org/web/20210419070849/https://heritageaction.com/scorecard/members/H001089/117> Senator Hawley is a Cosponsor of S.2598 - FRESH START Through Bankruptcy Act, 117th Congress (2021-2022) LINK: <https://www.Congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/senate-bill/2598/cosponsors> **SENATOR JOSH HAWLEY (R-MO) quote from the recent Senate Judiciary Committee hearing on S.2598:** "There are a couple of things that I wanted to focus on: The first is that, while I don't support cancellation of all student debt, for the reasons that have been talked about – the massive – I think – subsidy to wealthier Americans and also the massive subsidy to universities – I want to say that I can't think of very many good reasons to keep students with massive amounts of debts as lifelong serfs of banks – and lifelong serfs of universities by not allowing them to discharge in bankruptcy of their debt under appropriate circumstances." 1:26:41—1:27:09 in local video, and 1:40:56—1:41:24 in official Senate website video, download links -- Flagship mirror: <https://ContractWithAmerica2.com/#bankruptcy> Mirror-1: <https://GordonWatts.com/n.index.html#bankruptcy> Mirror-2: <https://GordonWayneWatts.com/n.index.html#bankruptcy> Archive-1: <https://Archive.vn/cbLka#bankruptcy> Archive-2: <http://Web.Archive.org/web/20211122233936/https://contractwithamerica2.com/#bankruptcy> SENATE LINK: <https://www.Judiciary.senate.gov/meetings/student-loan-bankruptcy-reform> YouTube: https://YouTu.be/0__nZTj98k Facebook: <https://www.Facebook.com/GordonWayneWatts/videos/585970785734005> Download: https://ContractWithAmerica2.com/FannyDeregulation/SenateJudiciaryHearing_Tue-08Aug2021_MOV.mov Archive: http://Web.Archive.org/web/20210808105814/https://contractwithamerica2.com/FannyDeregulation/SenateJudiciaryHearing_Tue-08Aug2021_MOV.mov

In Third (3rd) place is Rep. Matt Gaetz (R-FL-01st), **Conservative Republican**: Representative Gaetz, who is one of the most Conservative Members of Congress (and one of President Trump's staunchest & most ardent supporters) gave an eloquent speech in the recent House Judiciary Committee "markup" Meeting in support of H.R.2648, the expired Student Loan Bankruptcy bill, from last session. (Gaetz' quote is the funniest, and makes an excellent "free market" argument in his argument with Rep. Kelly Armstrong (R-ND-AL) aka "(R-ND At-large District)," but his quote is so long – talkative like myself – that he gets bumped down by his peers. Nonetheless, no email on Bankruptcy as a "free market" check on obscene spending of ****YOUR**** tax dollars to fund unneeded highered loans would be complete without the following quote:

1:38:52 – Rep. Matt Gaetz (R-FL-01) supports **H.R. 2648 – the Student Loan Bankruptcy bill:**

"I support Mr. Tiffany's [criminal conviction disqualification] amendment. The underlying piece of legislation that would allow students to discharge student loan debt through bankruptcy [this bill, H.R.2648] would

shatter the foundation of Higher Education finance. It would create a dramatic & sudden shift in the pricing of Higher Education. It would disrupt almost every university budget in America. [Dramatic pause.] And that's exactly why I'm voting for it. During my life, prices in Higher Education have skyrocketed. University administration budgets have exploded. Administrators have gotten rich, while a generation of students have been relegated to a life of indentured servitude. Forty-Four (44) Million Americans dealing with crushing student loan debt – an amount, in the aggregate – that exceeds \$1.6 TRILLION dollars. That's more than the amount of money Americans have borrowed against CARS. That's more than America's CREDIT CARD debt, in the aggregate. And, it has impacted the life of many of my fellow-Millennials. Unable to get married. Unable to have a down payment for a HOME. It's almost like in dating in Millennial life...reverse dowry... [etc.] ...But: It does raise the question: How did we get here? Why, in 2005, as the chairman correctly referenced, did members of Congress [and] The Senate [change the law]!?” – Enters into the record Guardian article about Sen. Biden's support for anti-consumer BK law. Chairman Nadler generously allows such. Gaetz goes on an anti-Biden rant. – **01:43:46** – Rep. Gaetz yields the remaining seconds to Chairman Nadler, who admits that Democrats have made mistakes, along with Republicans. – **01:44:30**

01:49:05 – Rep. Kelly Armstrong claims that H.R.2648 would be harmful, and says that it would do nothing to address the problem – which was caused by cuts to Higher Education at the state level – and over-inflated administration. Rep. Armstrong (falsely) claims that H.R.2648 wouldn't incentive colleges to lower tuition increases. (FALSE: It would via Market Pressures, as discussed **01:12:25**, above – and, as also addressed eloquently by Rep. Gaetz, below.) He also (falsely) claims that there'd be no “guardrails” on the costs of higher education. – **01:51:31** – Rep. Armstrong generously yields some time to Rep. Matt Gaetz, who succinctly defends the points I've made – but in a public forum.

01:51:31 – Rep. Matt Gaetz (R-FL-01) – QUOTE: “So, if students are able to discharge...I see what you're saying: That the bill doesn't say bureaucracy *HAS* to be cut. But, if students can discharge their debt through bankruptcy, then there will be fewer of those loans issued, right? Because if they're 'risky' loans, [then] they won't be issued. And, so, universities won't be able to charge as much: TUITION will go DOWN. And, because they won't be able to charge as much, they won't be able to have – like – you know – “Senior Provost of Inter-sectional Gender Studies,” knocking down TWO-HUNDRED EIGHTY THOUSAND (\$280,000.00) DOLLARS a year, while somebody's just tryin' to pay pay tuition for their family member.” – yields back – **01:52:10**

SOURCES:

Official HOUSE JUDICIARY YouTube video link – cued up to Rep. Gaetz:

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Nonetheless, if you disagree with me, Dr. Shoemaker, his VP, Paul Hatfield, Judy Wise, Angel Urbina, Sen. Cornyn, Sen. Durbin, Sen. Hawley, and most Americans (including Jim Sapp, the conservative Republican radio electronics expert, who is my mentor) on the need for higher ed reform... you can have a town hall, and we will hear you out. Bring a large lunch box, Scott, because it will be a "long, hot summer," if that town hall ever happened – even if in December. Or, you can skip the town hall and just fix the broken laws that we've asked you to do for many months, so.

I know I've been critical, but it is "constructive" criticism, and – while I'm quote human – I will nonetheless help you research or craft legislation on the 3 issues should you not be able to do it on your own. But know, understand, and realise one thing, Representative Franklin: If you don't do exactly as I say, we 100% absolutely WILL crash the dollar, crash the GRID, and devolve into civil (possibly also racial) unrest – a something which I hope all can avoid. On my honour, this is true and correct, even if not complete – it may be worse, and I'm surprised the dollar hasn't crashed already – and ONLY with the "threat of bankruptcy defense" will we "tamp down" this insane lending and avert disaster. **PROOF:**

We go almost THREE-HUNDRED MILLION (\$300,000,000.00) DOLLAR\$ per DAY in debt due to Lawmakers' refusal to STOP harmful pork subsidies to make/back UNNECESSARY higher ed loans **

You heard right on both counts: Since college was **almost FREE** in America in the very recent past, there WERE no student loans, and thus no student loan debt – and, by logical extension, no need for taxpayers to subsidize said debt, thus no need for these subsidies exists now. Moreover, numerous fiscally-responsible lawmakers (read: YOU) (allegedly) want to cut wasteful pork spending: However, we haven't been able to, and here is math supporting this claim:

A 2014 article in the *NY Times* claims that: "A decade ago, there was only about \$300 billion in such loans outstanding, and even now the \$1.1 trillion in student loan debt is dwarfed by mortgage debt. But people who borrow money to pay for their education can't simply walk away without paying, unlike with mortgages, car loans or credit cards; there is no equivalent of foreclosure, and student loan debts aren't cleared by bankruptcy." **Source:** "[The Role of Student Debt in Stunting the Recovery](#)," by Neil Irwin, *The New York Times*, May 14, 2014: [LINK](#) ; [Archive Today cache](#) ; [Wayback Machine archive](#) ; [Local Cache \(via Archive](#)

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Please get behind your lawmakers on both sides of the isle -- including the following -- past and present heros of politics --

**** Sen. Richard J. "Dick" Durbin (D-IL), currently the Democratic Whip and Chair: U.S. SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE: "Primary Sponsor" of S.1414 - Student Borrower Bankruptcy Relief Act of 2019, 116th Congress (2019-2020) – and: "Primary Sponsor" of S.2598 - FRESH START Through Bankruptcy Act, 116th Congress (2021-2022) – Sen. Durbin makes key comments in the Senate Judiciary Committee for S.2598, about growing bipartisan support—which is true, and necessary for progress.**

**** Rep. Glenn S. Grothman (R-WI-06th) – Conservative Republican: "Primary Sponsor" of H.R.5899 - To amend title 11 of the United States Code to make debts for student loans dischargeable., 116th Congress (2019-2020)**

**** Rep. John Katko (R-NY-24th) – Conservative Republican, and a former Federal Prosecutor: "Primary Sponsor" of H.R.770 - Discharge Student Loans in Bankruptcy Act of 2019, 116th Congress (2019-2020) – –as well as an "Original cosponsor" of H.R.2648 - Student Borrower Bankruptcy Relief Act of 2019, 116th Congress (2019-2020) – –as well as an "Original cosponsor" of H.R.2366 - Discharge Student Loans in Bankruptcy Act of 2017, 115th Congress (2017-2018) – –as well as a cosponsor of H.R.449 - Discharge Student Loans in Bankruptcy Act of 2015, 114th Congress (2015-2016)**

**** Rep. Christopher H. Smith (R-NJ-04th) – Conservative Republican, and long-term, well-respected Congressman: "CoSponsor" of H.R.770 - Discharge Student Loans in Bankruptcy Act of 2019, 116th Congress (2019-2020)**

**** Rep. Ralph Norman (R-SC-05th) Conservative Republican: "Original cosponsor" of H.R.5899 - To amend title 11 of the United States Code to make debts for student loans dischargeable., 116th Congress (2019-2020)**

**** Rep. David W. Jolly (R-FL-13th) former member of Congress who was a life-long Republican, who served in Congress from 2014 to 2017, following the death of his mentor and former boss, Rep. C.W. "Bill" Young – and a staunch opponent of the Affordable Care Act and abortion –but who quit the GOP and registered as "Independent" only over differences with President Trump: **Cosponsor of H.R.449 - Discharge Student Loans in Bankruptcy Act of 2015, 114th Congress (2015-2016)****

...and support S.2598 and H.R.4907, in order to operate as a "Conservative Free Market check" on insane lending excesses -- and as our "Conservative alternative" to more Liberal Higher Ed policies -- lest we crash the dollar. Do not say you weren't warned -- this may be our *last* last chance to stop this run-a-way train.

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"First, they [Nazis] came for the Jews. I was silent. I was not a Jew. Then they came for the Communists. I was silent. I was not a Communist. Then they came for the trade unionists. I was silent. I was not a trade unionist. Then they came for me. There was no one left to speak for me." (Martin Niemöller, given credit for a quotation in The Harper Religious and Inspirational Quotation Companion, ed. Margaret Pepper (New York: Harper & Row, 1989), 429 -as cited on page 44, note 17, of Religious Cleansing in the American Republic, by Keith A. Fournier, Copyright 1993, by Liberty, Life, and Family Publications.

Some versions have Mr. Niemöller saying: "Then they came for the Catholics, and I didn't speak up, because I was a Protestant"; other versions have him saying that they came for Socialists, Industrialists, schools, the press, and/or the Church; however, it's certain he DID say SOMETHING like this. Actually, they may not have come for the Jews first, as it's more likely they came for the prisoners, mentally handicapped, & other so-called "inferiors" first -as historians tell us -so they could get "practiced up"; however, they did come for them -due to the silence of their neighbors -and due in part to their own silence. So: "Speak up now or forever hold your peace!"-GWW

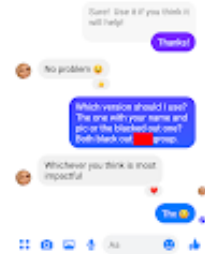
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