



# MAKING COLLEGE MORE AFFORDABLE

Pending legislation will help students and families  
manage the rising cost of higher education.



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Reducing barriers to educational attainment is an important part of my work. I am proud to support legislation to reduce some of the financial roadblocks that exist.

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**Tuition at public four-year institutions in the U.S. has increased by 17 percent in the past five years.** Student loan debt has become a family problem, impacting decisions like what jobs people take, where they decide to live and when they begin a family. That is why I supported legislation to provide students with more opportunities to manage their student loan debt and to help make college more affordable.

### Providing students more freedom to manage their student loan debt:

- Making loan refinancing available to Connecticut residents, Connecticut students, parents and attendees of Connecticut higher education institutions
- Expanding access to scholarships
- Establishing transparency for financial aid

### Allowing College Students to:

- Pay off a student loan early
- Avoid mounting interest costs
- Refinance an existing loan if interest rates drop

