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Dear Senator,

You know Jubilee USA Network because we have worked with you to win critical international financial reforms, over a 100 billion dollars in international debt relief to benefit the world's poorest and because we continue to promote core conservative principles of responsible lending and borrowing.

For the first time, you are hearing from Jubilee about protecting low interest rates for students and minimizing future debt burdens on students. Increasingly we hear from our regional chapters, faith communities and congregations that we must address issues around student loans.

When time runs out on July 1, 2012, student loan interest rates will double for almost 7.5 million students. For every year Congress fails to act, students will be pinned with \$1,000 more on their subsidized Stafford student loans. Students with the most need will pay about an additional \$5,000.

**Today, Jubilee USA Network, asks that you vote to protect low interest student loans. The Jubilee, declared in Leviticus 25 recognizes the need to prevent people from being stuck in cycles of debt.** Just like nations in the developing world, we must support young people here in the United States to develop into their full productive potential. High interest rates that increase their debts making them unpayable, prevent our communities from being restored in these hard economic times.

In The Peace of Our Creator,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric LeCompte".

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