



#DontDoubleMyRate Social Media Guide | TEXAS

Need to Know: How a Stafford Increase Would Impact Your State

The Center for American Progress and Campus Progress released new reports that detail what an increase in the interest rate on Stafford student loans would mean for several states.

If Congress doesn't act, the interest rate on these loans will double—from 3.4 percent to 6.8 percent—on July 1.

These reports paint a vivid picture of the impact an interest rate hike would have on young people, who are already dealing with a high unemployment rate, large amounts of student debt and changes to education funding and college costs. Also included are testimonials from students and family members who depend on federal education loans.

Nationwide, over 7 million student borrowers would be affected by the rate doubling.

Read the report: <http://cpro.gs/11puuwM>

Educate Yourself:

Here's a handful of links to Campus Progress articles highlighting some key information on the Stafford loan issue:

<http://cpro.gs/118pTyH>

<http://cpro.gs/10U5I3H>

<http://cpro.gs/X4W9ki>



Share this graphic on Facebook: <http://cpro.gs/17F2IGT>



Twitter

Here are some sample tweets you can push out to your networks.

- Student debt doesn't just affect students, it affects everyone: <http://cpro.gs/10U5I3H> via @campusprogress #DontDoubleMyRate
- How #studentdebt impacts Students of Color : <http://cpro.gs/10u2ual> via @campusprogress #DontDoubleMyRate
- Feel like #breakingup with Congress? Tell them it's time to get student loan interest rates under control: <http://cpro.gs/118pTyH> via @campusprogress #studentdebt #DontDoubleMyRate

Tweet @ Your Representatives

Here are some sample tweets that you can copy + paste or customize for any representative:

- The cost of #highered will soar if #Stafford rates double, @JohnCornyn <http://cpro.gs/lv8DLg>. Via @CampusProgress #DontDoubleMyRate
- Hey @tedcruz, don't allow #Stafford rates to double this summer: <http://cpro.gs/lv8DLg> #DontDoubleMyRate @CampusProgress
- Hey, @RepKenMarchant I'm coming to see you on 6/5 to talk about my Student Debt. #DontDoubleMyRate #SDD13

Check out our Twitter table to tweet directly at influential Senators: <http://cpro.gs/18LI7s2>



Facebook

We have a bunch of shareables that you can easily post on your Facebook wall by following the link below and clicking "share." ([And don't forget to "like" our page!](#))

Check out the shareables: <http://cpro.gs/15fxvAl> (NEED NEW LINK)

You can also share these on the walls of your elected officials. In the state-by-state social media guide below you can find links for influential elected officials on this issue.



Instagram

If you're attending an in-district lobby visit or student loan action, Instagram some photos @campusprogress and tag them with #DontDoubleMyRate and #SDD13. We'll add them to our Storify and publish on campusprogress.org.

Below is a list of all congress members from Texas with Twitter handles and Facebook pages. Tweet at your representatives or post on their walls using our shareables and sample language we've provided, or feel free to use your own! If you have a personal story on how student debt impacts your life, **we'd love to hear it:** <http://cpro.gs/11rr8Vg>

House:

Louie Gohmert (R---1)	@RepLouieGohmert	http://on.fb.me/8X3Xhe
Ted Poe (R---2)	@JudgeTedPoe	http://on.fb.me/9rQLSE
Sam Johnson (R---3)	@SamsPressShop	N/A
Ralph M. Hall (R---4)	N/A	N/A
Jeb Hensarlin (R---5)	@RepHensarling	http://on.fb.me/J4NA40
Joe Barton (R---6)	@RepJoeBarton	http://on.fb.me/KGpta4
John Culberson (R---7)	@CongCulberson	http://on.fb.me/KmedQs
Kevin Brady (R---8)	@RepKevinBrady	http://on.fb.me/McTP6i
Al Green (D---9)	@RepAlGreen	http://on.fb.me/JACdSd
Michael T. McCaul (R---10)	@McCaulPressShop	http://on.fb.me/hl15WB
Michael K. Conaway (R---11)	@ConawayTX11	N/A
Kay Granger (R---12)	@RepKayGranger	http://on.fb.me/KaaOzY
Mac Thornberry (R---13)	@MacTXPress	http://on.fb.me/JdRMZt
Randy Weber (R---14)	@WeberforTexas	http://goo.gl/lxSBA
Ruben Hinojosa (D---15)	@USRepRHinojosa	http://on.fb.me/Km9SNa
Beto O'Rourke (D---16)	@BetoORourke	N/A
Bill Flores (R---17)	@RepBillFlores	http://on.fb.me/Kh3KDD
Sheila Jackson Lee (D---18)	@JacksonLeeTX18	http://on.fb.me/Km8KJJ
Randy Neugebauer (R---19)	@RandyNeugebauer	http://on.fb.me/Kmzx9Z
Joaquin Castro (D---20)	@joaquincastroutx	http://goo.gl/d29eu
Lamar Smith (R---21)	@LamarSmithTX21	http://on.fb.me/fy6Lek
Pete Olson (R---22)	@PeteOlson	http://on.fb.me/LJGm3c
Pete Gallego (D---23)	@RepPeteGallego	N/A
Kenny Marchant (R---24)	@RepKenMarchant	http://on.fb.me/a54HH2
Roger Williams (D---25)	@RogerWilliamsTX	http://goo.gl/R7jCp
Michael Burgess (R---26)	@michaelcburgess	http://on.fb.me/gldiRh
Blake Farenthold (R---27)	@farenthold	http://on.fb.me/f2XnkP
Henry Cuellar (D---28)	@RepCuellar	http://on.fb.me/fennAQ
Gene Green (D---29)	@RepGeneGreen	http://on.fb.me/Ka8gSo
Eddie Bernice Johnson (D--30)	@RepEBJ	http://on.fb.me/KGiyh3
John Carter (R---31)	@RepJohnCarter	http://on.fb.me/J4FCHX
Pete Sessions (R---32)	@PeteSessions	http://on.fb.me/JBk0Am
Marc Veasey (D---33)	@RepVeasey	N/A
Filemon Vela (D---34)	@FilemonVela	N/A
Lloyd Doggett (D---35)	@RepLloydDoggett	http://goo.gl/IWOBF
Steve Stockman (R---36)	@SteveStockmanUS	http://goo.gl/fx5SN

Senate:

John Cornyn (R-TX)
Ted Cruz (R-TX)

@JohnCornyn
@tedcruz

<http://on.fb.me/JbCtHh>
<http://goo.gl/IVsIE>