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

The Center for American Progress, Campus Progress, and the USAction Education Fund 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, 7.4 million student borrowers would be affected by the rate doubling.

Read the report: <http://cpro.gs/J57lll>

A graphic featuring a light green map of the state of Maine on the left. To the right of the map, the text reads: "In MAINE, students will save \$980 on average by keeping the Stafford interest rate steady." Below this text is the hashtag "#DontDoubleMyRate" and the Campus Progress logo with the website "campusprogress.org/date".

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

Tweet @ Your Representatives

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

More than 30,000 students in your state rely on Stafford loans @SenatorCollins #DontDoubleMyRate
<http://cpro.gs/J57lll> via @campusprogress

Avg student in Maine graduates with close to \$30k in debt @SenatorSnowe <http://cpro.gs/J57lll>
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Below is a list of all congress members from Maine 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 of how student debt impacts your life, **we'd love to hear it:** <http://cpro.gs/lqL4Dc>

House:

Chellie Pingree (D-1)	@chelliepingree	http://on.fb.me/KWRUhh
Michael Michaud (D-2)	N/A	http://on.fb.me/JfnFFr

Senate:

Susan M. Collins (R-ME)	@SenatorCollins	http://cpro.gs/LOYHGb
Olympia J. Snowe (R-ME)	@SenatorSnowe	http://cpro.gs/KmiN2x