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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/J1lfrZ>

In **VERMONT**, students will save **\$1,020** on average by keeping the Stafford interest rate steady.

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

### 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, @SenSanders <http://cpro.gs/lv8DLg> via @campusprogress #DontDoubleMyRate

Hey @SenSanders, don't allow #Stafford rates to double this summer <http://cpro.gs/lv8DLg> #DontDoubleMyRate @campusprogress

Below is a list of all congress members from Vermont 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:**

Peter Welch (D-At Large)

N/A

<http://on.fb.me/4on9kD>

**Senate:**

Patrick J. Leahy (D-VT)

@SenatorLeahy

<http://on.fb.me/gDR9ww>

Bernard Sanders (I-VT)

@SenSanders

<http://on.fb.me/76HWwN>