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## A Polk Perspective: Fix our bankrupt policy on student debt

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In May 2014 U.S. Rep. Dennis Ross told those listening to a "teletown" hall meeting that if college students can't repay their loans from a private bank, we should "go back" to our prior laws and allow them to declare bankruptcy.

"If a student does file for bankruptcy [under current laws], they can have all other debt discharged — but their student loans. So, we're not really doing a good service ... by making them over-indebted for their education," Ross said at the time.

Ross breaks ranks with the typical GOP opinion with this candid admission. For example, HR 1674, the



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