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Thu, Nov 4, 2021 at 2:13 PM

Gordon.

Thanks for the email. I'm more than happy to get this to Senator Scott for you. Thank you for your phone call today as well.

Best.

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**Subject:** Alden of Sen Rick Scott's office: here's the supporting docs.

Alden, thank you for speaking with me on the phone just now about my 3-fold request for Senator Rick Scott to:

- 1) consider price controls in tuition costs;
- cuts of pork spending subsidies to make/back collegiate loans --

And: 3) Bankruptcy uniformity as the constitution requires.

Actually, Sen Scott's recent press release promised 1 and 2...! QUOTE:

""3. Third, if a college or university raises tuition or fees, they will be automatically cut off from ALL federal funding, including federally-guaranteed loan programs."" https://www.rickscott.senate.gov/2019/9/sen-rick-scottannounces-proposals-lower-cost-higher-education

But he hasn't done the subsidy cuts that are mandated if voluntary price-controls aren't accept. QUESTION: Why didn't Rick keep his word and at least try!?.. a good bill to do these is in APPENDIX-A of my attached written testimony. (Unrelated but helpful anti-cancer research is attached in my email to the Governor.)

3) ANSWER: Only when students once again hold the "Sword of Bankruptcy" (the Economic 2nd Amendment) and have bankruptcy defense restored/returned as in times past (when THINGS WORKED) will Sen Scott be able to push back liberal higher ed Swamp lobbyists... Why didn't he do 1-2 above as promised?? Answer: because he didn't take my advice and get behind S.2598, a student loan bankruptcy bill with twice as many GOP sponsors as Democrats --

\*\*\* https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/senate-bill/2598/cosponsors

\*\*\* https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/4907

THEREFORE, when you see Sen Scott, please ask him to cosponsor the Cornyn/Durbin/Hawley bill, S.2598, and introduce a companion bill to H.R.4907.

Then and ONLY then will he have political mojo to force back liberal swamp lobbyists and make his price controls and pork subsidy cuts politically viable.

Please also tell Senator Scott that I support him and offer these 3 or 4 CONSERVATIVE Alternatives to Liberal Free stuff.

I also thank Micaela Kirwin (your co-worker) for speaking to me by phone the other day and Brian Wright of Sen Rubio's office (I think that's who spoke to me during Lakeland, FL office hours), and Taylor Sanchez (long time Rubio field manager in Tampa) for also hearing my legislative requests.

Gordon Wayne Watts in Plant City FLORIDA -- see thread below and attached files to help Sens Scott and Rubio finally accomplish their worthy goals.

P.S.: SENATOR RUBIO: I saw your good higher ed bill to make college loans interest free with a flat fee-- Good bill-- but WITHOUT your support of S.2598 and H.R.4907, your will will have the same fate as PSLF (98%-99% reject fail rate) or Sen Scott's good proposals-- Abysmally bad failure. So, please get behind me, Sens John Cornyn (R-TX), Josh Hawley (R-MO), and Dick Durbin (D-IL), the sponsors for S.2598.

Gordon

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Per the request of Sharon in Citizen Services (Fla Gov Ron DeSantis), to use this email address, and per the request of my boss (Alan M. Collinge, National Director and Founder of STUDENT LOAN JUSTICE), I am asking for a phone appointment with either Gov. DeSantis or his staff, or both, whichever is most convenient for you.

Alan is not a Fla resident (thus not a Constituent of Gov. DeSantis), but I am, and ask in that capacity. I wish to have a 3-way with my boss on the line, at the least.

See both the thread below, for subject matter, and also the email attachments (4 image screenshots and 7 pdf files).

Thank you,

Gordon Wayne Watts,

Constituent of Fla Gov Ron DeSantis

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From: Gordon W. Watts < gww1210@gmail.com>

Date: Thu, Oct 28, 2021, 1:47 PM

Subject: Fwd: Gov. DeSantis, Sen. Rick Scott, and related -- GORDON WAYNE WATTS

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LeAnne -- I hate to bother you again, but my boss just asked me to set up a formal phone conference with the governor's office staff -- preferably with Gov. DeSantis, himself, and his top policy aides, regarding our concerns that this Federal Debt issue is a state's rights "sovereignty" issue, not unlike how Gov. DeSantis is standing up to Pres. Biden regarding mask and/or vaccine mandates.

Basically, Mr. Collinge, my boss, informs me that he does not want to ambush your office with phone call where you all are unprepared, but to give you formal notice and time/opportunity to prepare. While I trust that my prior emails and phone calls to your office's Citizen's Services are read, nonetheless, I am inclined to accept Alan's suggestion, here, and seek further attention, since, as yet, Governor DeSantis has not addressed this issue of how FLORIDA'S Federal student debt, at \$118.9 Billion, is way more than Florida's "annual" state budget of about \$81 Billion or so. I've checked both figures, and, while they may reflect last year's data -- they seem correct. For example, take the approx. \$2 Trillion for all 50 states in Fed student debt, and consider Florida's 29 electors are representative of population, of all 50 states (538 electors), and the fraction inferred from 29/538 = \$107,806,691,449.81, which is close to the 118.9B figure Alan obtained from Federal databases. And, you all know your STATE budget (to fact check our figures), but you did NOT know the Federal encroachment.

When is Gov. DeSantis going to address this!? If he does not call upon federal lawmakers to employ the three (3) conservative measures enumerated below (which include S.2598, a Student Loan Bankruptcy bill with TWICE as many GOP sponsors as Democrat), then we must concede defeat to the democrats on this higher ed encroachment upon Florida's states' rights.

Please let me know where Gov. DeSantis stands on this issue. Thank you,

Gordon W. Watts, Constituent (full contact data below)

On Thu, Oct 28, 2021 at 12:53 PM Alan M. Collinge <alanmcollinge@gmail.com> wrote:

Gordon: We need a simple phone conference with Ron DeSantis's staff.

Are you going to make that happen?

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Cc: Hon. RICK SCOTT, U.S. Senator, FLORIDA (R-FL); Cc: Hon. MARCO RUBIO, U.S. Senator, FLORIDA (R-FL)

Cc: Hon. C. SCOTT FRANKLIN, Member of Congress (R-FL-15); Cc: Alan Collinge, Student loan Justice

Me. Himrod,

My apologies for the communication mixup. Referring to the four (4) attached screenshots, that was me and others in our West Polk Faith-based Republican Club who came out to your event this morning, the press conference with your boss, Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis (R-FL). Apparently, we thought we were on the guest list to your private event, when that wasn't the case. Please also do not blame my good friend, Dr. Ed Shoemaker, President of W.Polk Republican club. In any case, please find attached identical copies of the printouts I gave you -- and, please note that, since S.2598, the bill in question, is going in for a markup, I'm including Micaela Kirwan, of Sen. Rick Scott's office, who just returned my call while I was writing you, this morning.

These include Federal issues, over which Gov. DeSantis has no legal authority, except as a "states' rights" issue, but, since FEDERAL Student Debt for our state of Florida \*\*exceeds\*\* our annual state budget, the least Gov. DeSantis should do is use a bully pulpit to demand change, and, if we, Conservatives, can't get it together, and get the 3 Conservative alternatives we seek ("rule of law" price controls, pork spending cuts regarding higher ed loan subsidies, and Constitutional bankruptcy uniformity, which would force back lobbyists and make the first two politically viable), then we should throw in the towl, give up, and admit "Liberals" deserve Loan "Forgiveness," Free College, and other Liberal free handout goodies.

I also included some of my "anti-cancer" research, for the benefit of Gov. DeSantis' wife; while all Americans are important, please know that she's well-known, and my research might be more useful for her and her husband in spreading the word on how we might copy China and Japan's successful methods and get much lower breast cancer, for example. Please find enclosed these documents:

- 1-- The Register: News of a crash/collapse of the dollar for 7 reasons, one of which involves lack of filing s.2598
- 2-- Statement via Facebook by GOP Candidate, Angel Urbina, supporting student loan bankruptcy (He's running against Rep. Cathy Kastor, D-FL-14, in Tampa)
- 3-- My "cover letter" & anti-cancer research
- 4-- GOP Congr. candidate, Angel Urbina via Twitter, supportive of Student Loan Bankruptcy
- 5-- Business Insider fact-checks this meme, so to speak: FED Student Debt in Fla outpaces annual \*\*state\*\* budget!
- 6-- My written testimony submitted to the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee, supporting the Cornyn/Durbin/Hawley Student Loan Bankruptcy bill, s.2598. If Gov. DeSantis does not call upon Fed lawmakers -- and if our Fla delegation does not support this, we are insulting the numerous Conservative Republicans, which include (but are not limited to) Cornyn, Hawley, Urbina, myself, & Dr. Ed Shoemaker and his VP Paul Hatfield -and many other Republicans -- and even more democrats, who are more in line with the U.S. Constitution's bankruptcy uniformity clause
- 7-- My legal memo addressing "Forgiveness' of collegiate loans.

Again, Leanna, my deep apologies for the misunderstanding. We acted in good faith -- those invited, and the ones doing the inviting. I hope your event was successful. To my Federal lawmakers, incl. Rep. C. Scott Franklin, I want to inform you that i'm not finished compiling an exhaustive list of S.2598 and H.R.4907 supporters (both are Sine Qua Non to avert an economic meltdown), but as we've discussed before, myself, and numerous other constituents on both sides of the political isle would appreciate you "getting on board" on these 2 bills, plus the pork cuts bill in APPENDIX-A of my written testimony, as well as price controls measures we afford almost any other "legal" monopoly like utilities, power, Internet, water, etc. P.S.: My best friend, a union Democrat, is a rare opponent of the student loan bankruptcy bill, claiming it would cause a sharp downturn in loan availability (true) and thus anger parents when colleges curtail education access (false: they're awash in monies, and would even more-easily adjust like back when they lacked such taxpayer-funded loans -- much less student loans at ALL: College was free or very affordable most places, as I quote Rick Scott on my project page). The higher ed lending system is an Epic Fail, and we don't have time for this: Our economic house is on fire, and we need to act now: These bills are the silver bullet free market check on liberal excesses, thus S.2598 is a Conservative answer to loan "forgiveness" and free college.

Rep. Franklin, and Sens. Rubio and Scott - act now: Get on board with other conservatives before it's too late.

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"First, they [Nazis] came for the Jews. I was silent. I was not a Jew. Then they came for the Communists. I was silent. I was not a Communist. Then they came for the trade unionists. I was silent. I was not a trade unionist. Then they came for me. There was no one left to speak for me." (Martin Niemöller, given credit for a quotation in The Harper Religious and Inspirational Quotation Companion, ed. Margaret Pepper (New York: Harper &Row, 1989), 429 -as cited on page 44, note 17, of Religious Cleansing in the American Republic, by Keith A. Fornier, Copyright 1993, by Liberty, Life, and Family Publications.

Some versions have Mr. Niemöller saying: "Then they came for the Catholics, and I didn't speak up, because I was a Protestant"; other versions have him saying that they came for Socialists, Industrialists, schools, the press, and/or the Church; however, it's certain he DID say SOMETHING like this. Actually, they may not have come for the Jews first, as it's more likely they came for the prisoners,

mentally handicapped, & other so-called "inferiors" first -as historians tell us -so they could get "practiced up"; however, they did come for them -due to the silence of their neighbors -and due in part to their own silence. So: "Speak up now or forever hold your peace!"-GWW