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# **Press Inquiry**

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### **Dear Senator Toomy:**

We would like to make a press inquiry over your stance on a particular bill. One of our readers contacted us (see attached: "Interview-with-Reader\_GordonWayneWatts.pdf") and said that you don't support S.2598, the "Fresh Start" Student Loan bankruptcy bill on the basis that it would allegedly "burden taxpayers." To jog your memory, this is the bill with a huge 10-year waiting period & twice as many GOP sponsors as Democrat: <a href="https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/senate-bill/2598/cosponsors">https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/senate-bill/2598/cosponsors</a> For context, I'm Nat'l Dir., CONTRACT WITH AMERICA: PART II<sup>(TM)</sup>; Editor-in-Chief, *The Register*, & far-right Conservative Republican, like yourself (e.g., "friendly" press). Here are prior publications & legal creds to verify my fiscal anti-tax/anti-spending & moral Conservative credentials:

- #1.) Flagship mirror: https://ContractWithAmerica2.com
- #2.) Personal blogs (on 2 mirrors for redundancy) https://GordonWatts.com and https://GordonWayneWatts.com
- #3.) "A Polk Perspective: Fix our bankrupt policy on student debt," By Gordon Wayne Watts, Guest columnist, The Ledger, August 04, 2016, https://archive.vn/geClO or https://www.theledger.com/story/opinion/columns/more-voices/2016/08/04/a-polk-perspective-fix-our/8270336007
- #4.) "Polk Perspective: Rescue taxpayers from mounting student debt," By Gordon Wayne Watts,
  Guest columnist, The Ledger, November 16, 2018, https://archive.is/YrNST or https://www.theledger.com/

story/opinion/columns/2018/11/16/polk-perspective-rescue-taxpayers-from-mounting-studentdebt/8363137007/

- #5.) "Polk Perspective: Offer relief for taxes dressed up as 'loans'," By Gordon Wayne Watts, Guest columnist, The Ledger, November 19, 2019, https://archive.vn/2gdEW or https://www.theledger.com/ story/opinion/columns/2019/11/19/polk-perspective-offer-relief-for-taxes-dressed-up-as-loans/2262933007/
- #6.) PRO-LIFE -- I nearly won the legendary Pro-Life Terri Schiavo case all by myself:
- In Re: GORDON WAYNE WATTS (as next friend of THERESA MARIE 'TERRI' SCHIAVO), No. SC03-2420 (Fla. Feb.23, 2005), denied 4-3 on rehearing. (Watts got 42.7% of his panel) https://www. floridasupremecourt.org/clerk/dispositions/2005/2/03-2420reh.pdf
- In Re: JEB BUSH, GOVERNOR OF FLORIDA, ET AL. v. MICHAEL SCHIAVO, GUARDIAN: THERESA SCHIAVO, No. SC04-925 (Fla. Oct.21, 2004), denied 7-0 on rehearing. (Bush got 0.0% of his panel before the same court) https://www.floridasupremecourt.org/clerk/dispositions/2004/10/04-925reh.pdf
- Schiavo ex rel. Schindler v. Schiavo ex rel. Schiavo, 403 F.3d 1223, 2005 WL 648897 (11th Cir. Mar.23, 2005), denied 2-1 on appeal. (Terri Schiavo's own blood family only got 33.3% of their panel on the Federal Appeals level) https://media.ca11.uscourts.gov/opinions/pub/files/200511556.pdf
- #7.) My published scientific paper on solar flares https://Academia.edu/ 40529432/WATTS SolarFlarePAPER (Also attached "SolarFlare-PAPER.pdf")
- #8.) For more credentials, please see "staff" entry at https://ContractWithAmerica2.com/#staff or references section of written testimony submitted to the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee or my legal memo on the "forgiveness" controversy. (I personally oppose student loan forgiveness, but, like most other legal scholars, concede the president is well-within his legal authority, as authorized by federal statutory authority.)

Sorry for "length" above, but you don't know me, and if I ask "difficult" press inquiry questions, it behooves all to remember I'm "friendly" press (Conservative, like you) & have "heavy weight" credentials (not just a "website with my own name," and 3 or 4 readers).

#### Here's our press inquiry:

- I. STATEMENT -- THANKS: Thank you, Sen. Toomy, for being candid & brave enough to give a stance on S.2598, the controversial firebrand bill: Speaking only for myself, I assure you that even my own 3 lawmakers (Sens. Marco Rubio, Rick Scott, & Rep. Scott Franklin, R-FL-15), all supposedly "Conservative" Republicans like myself, haven't done as you & given me (their constituent) a "straight up or down" "yes or no" answer on s2598. (I shall cc them to remind them of this.)
- II. QUESTION -- QUOTE ACCURACY: Was I informed correctly regarding our reader's claims that you don't support student loan bankruptcy bill, S.2598, on the basis that it would "burden taxpayers?" ((YES I/ NO)) Note: This writer gueried Google & couldn't find a statement of where you stand: https://Google.com/search?q="toomy"+"student+loan"+"bankruptcy" So, I must ask.

II-a: Corollary: If "no," that is, if my reader informed me correctly on this point, then why have you not signed on as a cosponsor?

II-b: Corollary: If "yes," that is, if you did indeed tell your staff that you oppose this bill on the basis that it would "burden taxpayers" (which have their source from taxpayer-funded student loan subsidies), then why have you not filed a bill to reduce or eliminate said subsidies (as outlined in the last 2 pages of this writer's written testimony to Judiciary -- see attached)? [[The reason I ask is because you claim to be a "fiscal conservative," and yet have not acted to cut said pork spending higher ed "swamp" bailout subsidies.]]

- III. QUESTION -- PORK: Do you agree with the factual claims below of obscene pork bailout spending excesses? ((YES // NO))
- III--a. Statement: These taxpayer-funded student loan subsidies not only cost students (when colleges

blithely raise tuition to match increased borrowing capacity), but also cost taxpayers (almost \$300 Million / day, as documented on page 8 of the attached "GordonWayneWatts\_AMENDED\_Testimony\_SenateJudiciary\_ Tue03Aug2021\_Proposed.pdf": The "\$290,896,646.13/year figure works out to \$3,366.86/second, even higher than the \$3,000/day figure quoted by Michael, whom I interviewed earlier tonight).

- **III--b. Statement:** As a result of the obscene waste documented above, 19 states have higher Federal student-loan debt than annual State budgets, as documented by the attached file, "19-StatesHaveHigherStudent-LoanDebtThanAnnualBudgets\_Report.pdf" and published reports: https://archive.vn/Y2n3i or https://www.businessinsider.com/student-loan-debt-analysis-annual-state-budget-comparison-cancelation-biden-2021-4
- IV--a. QUESTION -- Conservative FREE MARKET CHECKS: While, yes, initially, restoration of bankruptcy would probably cost taxpayers slightly (when students filed for bankruptcy and then stopped paying on loans), nonetheless, how can you claim it would cost taxpayers in the "long-run" when the "threat of bankruptcy" would serve as a free market check/balance on the careless Dept of Ed, and provide a huge incentive for the DOE to "lend responsibly" (that is, stop lending obscenely high amounts to students who can never repay these illegally-inflated loans)?
- IV-b. STATEMENT: If you pass S.2598 & related bill H.R.4907, https://www.Congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/4907/text this will "tamp down" excess HigherEd loan pork bailout subsidies & may avert a crash of the dollar. If these bills don't pass this session, we eventually \*\*will\*\* crash the dollar: https://GordonWatts.com/#crash & collapse the economy: https://GordonWayneWatts.com/#crash Viz: https://ContractWithAmerica2.com/CRASH-of-the-DOLLAR\_Proof\_PDF.pdf
- V. Question re <u>U.S. CONSTITUTION</u>: How can you claim to be a "Conservative" if you oppose a bill that corrects current U.S. Bankruptcy Code which violates the Uniformity clause of the U.S. Constitution (A special type of Equal Protection), Art.I, Sec.8, clause 4?
- VI. <u>DOUBLE STANDARDS</u>: If your website touts you as a financial expert with impeccable moral standards (Quote: "Sought out by his colleagues for his views on financial reform and budgetary issues, Senator Toomey was labeled by the Philadelphia Inquirer as "a leading voice on money matters," Source: <a href="https://archive.vn/5rdoe">https://archive.vn/5rdoe</a> or <a href="https://www.Toomey.senate.gov/about/about-pat">https://www.Toomey.senate.gov/about/about-pat</a> or <a href="https://web.archive.org/web/20211205212405/https://www.toomey.senate.gov/about/about-pat">https://www.toomey.senate.gov/about/about-pat</a>), then how can you support current bankruptcy code which has abhorrent "double standards" (allowing bankruptcy defense for credit card users, gamblers, even the very "fly by night" colleges that prey on students and then go out of business), but not the students themselves—and how can you refuse to employ free market measures to reign in and "tamp down" the excessive spending of trillions of taxpayer dollars to make/back unneeded and toxic loans that are, effectively, "grants" to colleges, with students as the conduit or passthrough? ((This is an essay question.))
- VII STATEMENT: I'm fully aware that question, VI., above, is emotionally & academically difficult —and mean no disrespect or desire to cause a "headache," here. So, if you do like Sen. Josh Hawley (R-MO) did, after my recent press inquiry to his office (asking why he didn't cosponsor S.2598, even after supportive remarks in committee), then you need not answer question VI., above. (See <a href="https://gordonwatts.com/#GOP">https://gordonwatts.com/#GOP</a> or <a href="https://gordonwaynewatts.com/#GOP">https://gordonwaynewatts.com/#GOP</a> or <a href="https://gordonwaynewatts.com/#GOP">https://gordonwaynewatts.com/#GOP</a> for positive news coverage of Hawley: After I made a press inquiry if his office, he never responded, but I got an email notification just hours later, from Congress.gov, showing he signed on as cosponsor to s2598. Thus, he needed not reply to my press inquiry: His actions spoke louder than his words.)
- VIII -- "Brokering a Compromise" -- Do you agree ((YES // NO)) with my proposed "brokering" of a compromise, which I sent to Sen. Joe Manchin (D-WV) and Kyrsten Sinema (D-AZ), in which I "suggest to Liberal Democrats that they offer to support pork spending cuts like you and Sen. Rick Scott seek in return for asking you both to support S.2598 and H.R.4907 --a fair compromise that wouldn't compromise your values? (See https://gordonwatts.com/#inquiry or https://gordonwaynewatts.com/#inquiry or https://archive.vn/v3jgo#inquiry or https://web.archive.org/web/20211220182734/https://gordonwatts.com/#inquiry for positive news coverage of Hawley.)

I absolutely will do news coverage of your office, on this matter, Sen. Toomy (and do follow-up news and commentary), and I assure you that I will be fair and honest in my news coverage, but, to be fair, I want you and other subjects of my writing to be assured in no uncertain terms that, while I really wish to do positive news coverage of my fellow-conservatives, I am an honest journalist first, and a Republican second, and if lawmakers refuse to reign in our out of control higher ed swamp and epic fail lending system (with, say, "conservative" pork subsidy cuts, "rule of law" price controls, and "free market" checks on excessive lending/spending to force the first two — such as bankruptcy defense aka "the Economic 2ND Amendment"), then of necessity the free press will be a bulwark against governmental tyranny, as the Free Press Doctrine outlines. I look forward to your replies to my press inquiries. If you have difficulty understanding some matters and/or if I can be of assistance, don't hesitate to reach out. If you enter one response, and later change your mind, I will, within my abilities, update our news coverage to reflect accurate representation of your views.

With kind regard, I am, Sincerely,

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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

#### 6 attachments



- GordonWayneWatts\_AMENDED\_Testimony\_SenateJudiciary\_Tue03Aug2021\_Proposed.pdf
- ReviewOfMarkKantrowitzForgivenessArticle\_WATTS\_9-6-2021.pdf 360K
- 19-StatesHaveHigherStudent-LoanDebtThanAnnualBudgets\_Report.pdf 1255K
- SolarFlare-PAPER.pdf 1337K
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