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Rep. Kathy Castor:

My apologies for accidentally forgetting to put you in this email chain regarding our Press Inquiry, which we hope will afford you Democrats genuine relief regarding free or at least affordable College and Healthcare, while actually costing taxpayers less, something we, Conservatives and (genuine) Republicans want.

We, Conservative Press, have not forgotten how, just a few sessions back, you were brave and showed integrity as one of only few Democrat to oppose reckless spending, when RINO Republican, Adam Putnam, supported both, and for which we are genuinely grateful:

Watts, in an Oct. 19, 2008 letter to the (now defunct) *Tampa Tribune* aka TBO.com, [took a hard jab](#) at Adam Putnam, former Republican Congressman for the Lakeland, Florida area (and FLA AG commissioner, after that), when Putnam started supporting unpopular "bailout" policies, prompting Watts to support Democrats Doug Tudor and Kathy Castor, both of whom opposed the unpopular and unwise [TARP](#) and [Mortgage](#) bailouts. (mirror links: [folder](#) ; [letter](#) ; [-1-](#) ; [-2-](#) ; [-3-](#) ; [Archive Today snapshot](#) ; [Wayback Machine snapshot](#) ; [Wayback Machine archive](#))
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Below is the press inquiry which we had intended to send to you are part of key central Florida delegation, and, again, my sincere apologies for the oversight.

Gordon, full contact data & press credentials below

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Cc: Sens. Rick Scott, Ashley Moody, John Thune, Chuck Schumer, John Fetterman
Cc: Reps. Laurel Lee, Scott Franklin, Hakeem Jeffries, Kathy Castor

Cc: Professor R. Bruce Anderson & Professor Dennis A. Ross

Dear Congressman Bilirakis,

First, please pass along a warm hello to your father, former Congressman Michael Bilirakis (still going strong at 95!), from Gordon Watts — son of the late Bobby Watts of Bobby Watts Speed Shop in Plant city and Lakeland. Dad always spoke highly of your father's integrity — and was proud to have been friends with (and briefly worked for) the legendary "Big Daddy" Don Garlits, still considered by many the #1 drag racer of all time and still active with his museum in Ocala at 93. For a quick smile from history: I posted the short, handwritten late-1983/early-1984 postal exchange between our fathers about "Project America" (dad's concern for the need for unity between American citizens and Government to face our many foes). It's a gem — your dad was gracious and encouraging even though the idea never got off the ground.

Link (30-second read): https://ContractWithAmerica2.com/BobbyWattsSpeedShop_MUSEUM.html#pa

(Archived copies attached as PDF for convenience.)

I'm Gordon Wayne Watts from Plant City — National Director of Contract With America: Part II®™ (<https://ContractWithAmerica2.com>) and the same Gordon Wayne Watts who, as next friend of Terri Schiavo, forced a 4-3 split on rehearing at the Florida Supreme Court (SC03-2420) when Governor Jeb Bush (SC04-925) was shut out 7-0 on the same issue. I'm writing in my capacity as a journalist and conservative activist because I realized your office was inadvertently omitted from my November 5 press inquiry to the Florida delegation and leadership.

The idea is simple and proven conservative: completely eliminate health-insurance and student-loan middlemen and directly fund hospitals, doctors, and colleges instead — exactly like ultra-red Polk County, Fla. already does with indigent care (PolkCare) and like we used to do with nearly-free public college in your parents and grandparents' era, as you may recall. This generates so much administrative waste savings that "free-at-point-of-service" healthcare and higher education actually cost taxpayers ****less**** overall — while getting Democrat votes to prevent "Shutdowns 2.0."

President Trump took a huge step in the right direction on November 8 when he pivoted to eliminating middlemen and redirecting subsidies into patient-controlled HSAs. That was bold and populist — but the HSA model still routes most catastrophic coverage through private insurers, so the same middlemen he rightly calls "money-sucking" stay in the game and keep skimming 12-18 % off the top.

The true conservative finish is the direct-to-provider model Polk County, Fla. already proves works — and the only force under heaven that will make lobbyists see the handwriting on the wall and back off is the restoration of standard consumer bankruptcy protection on student loans (bills already sponsored by very conservative Republicans:

H.R.5899 (116th) – Reps. Glenn Grothman (R-WI-06) & Ralph Norman (R-SC-05)

<https://www.Congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/5899/cosponsors>

S.2598 (117th) – Sens. Josh Hawley (R-MO) & John Cornyn (R-TX) <https://www.Congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/senate-bill/2598/cosponsors>

Bankruptcy availability forces lenders to behave, slashes predatory lending, and removes the lobbyist blockade so the direct-fund model can finally pass — just like seat-belt laws forced car makers to build safer cars. (If you disagree, please tell me why Trump was unable to get rid of student loan middlemen and eliminate the Dept of Ed as he's been trying to do for ages! Lack of political forces to make profiteering lobbyists & middleman "back off.")

My letter explaining the mechanism was published in The Ledger (Nov 9) and republished by Yahoo News; the concept was debated by multiple Florida callers on C-SPAN Washington Journal (Nov 14). Quick links:

- The Ledger / Yahoo letter: (linked and attached for your convenience)
<https://www.theledger.com/story/opinion/letters/2025/11/09/a-bipartisan-fix-to-the-shutdown-voice-of-the-people-nov-9-2025/87123076007/>
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- Terri Schiavo filings (proof it's me):
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With the enhanced ACA subsidies expiring in just 40 days and premiums about to explode, this Trump-upgrade is the rare reform that:

- actually lowers total spending (real conservative wins),
- ends rationing (pro-life),
- covers everyone, and
- gets bipartisan votes to avoid Shutdown 2.0.

Our "formal" press inquiry is a simple query as to whether you (and other lawmakers in this chain) agree with all 3 key proposals we advocate to help lawmakers find this as a bipartisan solution:

((1)) Fully eliminating health-insurance middlemen via direct provider funding (successful Polk County, Fla. model Trump began moving toward) saves taxpayers while providing "free" healthcare.

((2)) Eliminating student-loan middlemen and restoring nearly-free public college (like Trump's 2019 borrowing caps and repeated calls to eliminate the Dept. of Education).

((3)) Restoring standard bankruptcy protection on student loans (GOP-led bills: Grothman/Norman HR.5899, 116th Hawley/Cornyn S.2598, 117th, or current-session bills, HR.4444/HR.423, 119th) — the only proven force to make lobbyists back off and allow #1 and #2 to pass.

SOURCES: **"Trump Proposes Limits On Student Loan Borrowing,"** By Zack Friedman, **FORBES**, Tue. March 19, 2019 – or outright elimination of US Dept of Education – like Trump has repeatedly called for) and provide "free" college like our grandparents had (and same model as we do with 5TH grade – and successful models in Germany, too) saves taxpayers while providing "free" college.

** <https://www.forbes.com/sites/zackfriedman/2019/03/19/trump-proposes-limits-on-student-loans>

** <https://archive.vn/Sa8n1> ** <https://web.archive.org/web/20210308132739/https://www.forbes.com/sites/zackfriedman/2019/03/19/trump-proposes-limits-on-student-loans>

** <https://www.Congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/house-bill/423/> And: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/house-bill/4444/text>

We would welcome even a brief response from you or your staff on whether this Trump-upgrade + bankruptcy restoration is a direction worth pursuing before the subsidy cliff hits – – and hope these solutions can grant both Democrats and Republicans satisfaction – and avoid a risky "Shutdown 2.0."

Happy to brief you or your staff anytime — in person or by phone.

Thank you, and may God grant you and all our leaders wisdom in this critical hour.

In His service,

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Congr. Laurel Lee

Cc: as indicated

Main subject: "Solution for lawmakers regarding shutdown ***"

SUBJECT 1: A response as a constituent (to you and Sens. Rick Scott and Ashley Moody)

SUBJECT 2: Press inquiry to other lawmakers in cc and Bcc line

Thank you for acknowledging my prior request, Congresswoman Lee. As you can see from the 2 submissions to The Times and The Ledger, which follow up on two previously published letters, I expound on the benefits of cutting the healthcare and student loan middlemen -- something Pres. Trump wanted to do: <https://ContractWithAmerica2.com/#middleman>

Seeing you still are unable to fix the problem, what do you think of my proposals? All 4 letters (2 submitted and 2 published) are attached.

If you offer "free" college and "free" healthcare, I bet Democrats forget about stupid (and costly) subsidies -- and vote to reopen the government. More-importantly, it saves taxpayers trillions if you do it my way. (Or crash the dollar if you are careless -- but I hope you at least try: My compromise doesn't compromise conservative fiscal values, and saves tax dollar\$.)

As your constituent (Sens. Moody and Rick Scott and Rep. Laurel Lee), I'd like you to weigh in on Representative Grothman and Norman's H.R.5899 (116th) and Senators Hawley and Cornyn's S.2598 (117th) stolidly-

conservative-backed student loan bankruptcy legislation which is the only thing short of a miracle to force down irresponsible lending:

<https://www.Congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/senate-bill/2598/cosponsors>

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As a solid Conservative, Rep. Lee, you know "More guns = less crime," and likewise, "more bankruptcy self-defense" y students = "less irresponsible lending" on my tax dollar. I don't want a crash of the dollar, but you lawmakers didn't heed my last couple letters, and kept spending. Now, here we are -- take a look at my proposal. To the other lawmakers (such as Rep. Scott Franklin, who was my member of congress before district lines changed), I ask for your response to this as a "Press Inquiry," from me -- as Conservative Press.

Gordon

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October 22, 2025

Dear Mr. Watts,

Thank you for contacting my office to share your concern about the government shutdown. I appreciate your engagement and the opportunity to respond.

First and foremost, Republicans are committed to keeping the government open. On September 16, I voted in support of a temporary funding bill to prevent a shutdown. This bill is short, simple, and designed to protect national security and the vital programs Americans rely on. It would have kept government funding stable through November 21, 2025, giving Congress time to complete a full-year budget. Our goal is to make sure Americans are not needlessly punished while allowing time for responsible budgeting.

Unfortunately, Democrats in the Senate have repeatedly voted against this measure. Although Republicans hold the majority in the House, passing any funding bill in the Senate requires 60 votes. That means we cannot move forward without Democratic support. Instead of working together to keep the government open, Senate Democrats blocked this bill and demanded higher spending and partisan provisions, including restoring taxpayer-funded health care for illegal immigrants and adding \$1.5 trillion in new spending for only a short-term extension.

Because of this obstruction, vital services are at risk. Telehealth programs that seniors rely on could lapse, and paychecks for our service members could be delayed. That is why I am a

strong supporter of the **Pay Our Troops Act of 2026**, which guarantees continued military pay during any government shutdown.

Shutdowns are harmful and avoidable. They hurt families, seniors, and the men and women who serve our nation. That is why I asked to withhold my own paycheck until Congress completes its work and government funding is restored. If our troops are not being paid, neither should Members of Congress.

It is an honor to represent you in the U.S. House of Representatives. Please don't hesitate to reach out with your thoughts and concerns, and feel free to stay connected with my office through our **newsletter** or on **X**, **Facebook**, and **Instagram**.

Sincerely,



Laurel M. Lee

Member of Congress

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