



Gordon Watts &lt;gww1210@gmail.com&gt;

## RE: Responding to your message to Senator Heinrich

1 message

**Gordon Wayne Watts, Nat'l Dir., CONTRACT WITH AMERICA: PART II (TM)**

Mon, May 9, 2022 at  
10:29 AM

<gordon@contractwithamerica2.com>

To: Office of Senator Martin Heinrich <donotreply@heinrich.senate.gov>, gordon@contractwithamerica2.com

Cc: press@heinrich.senate.gov, tomas\_gallegos@heinrich.senate.gov, aaron\_morales@heinrich.senate.gov, russell\_page@heinrich.senate.gov, rebecca\_avitia@heinrich.senate.gov, "Gww1210@aol.com" <gww1210@aol.com>, Gordon Watts <gww1210@gmail.com>, gordon@contractwithamerica2.com

Thank you, Sen. Heinrich, for your prompt reply; and, thank you also, Aaron, for taking time to spell by phone last week.

To be clear, while, yes, I did inquire about the cancell matter, my main concern was with the two current student loan bankruptcy bills, S.2598 and H.R.4907.

While I appreciate your legislative efforts, I want to be clear that without the threat of bankruptcy self-defense by borrowers, your legislative efforts will fail, and, as brief proof of that claim, let me remind you that equally noble legislation, specifically, PSLF (Public Service Loan Forgiveness) currently rejects about 98 or 99% of ALL applications, yes, even after efforts by Pres Joe Biden, to make it work:

\* <https://ContractWithAmerica2.com/#PSLFfailure>

\* <https://GordonWatts.com/n.index.html#PSLFfailure>

\* **Source:** "[The U.S. already has student debt forgiveness—but barely anyone gets it](#)," by Abigail Johnson Hess (@ABIGAILJHESS), **CNBC**, Published Tue., Mar. 23 2021, 2:02PM(EDT), Updated Wed., Mar. 24 2021, 9:32AM(EDT), [LINK](#) ; [Archive Today cache](#) ; [Wayback Machine archive](#) ; [Local cache](#) ; [Mirror-1 archive](#) ; [Mirror-2 archive](#) ; [Mirror-3 archive](#) \* LINK: <https://www.cnbc.com/2021/03/23/the-us-already-has-student-debt-forgivenessbut-barely-anyone-gets-it.html>

So, it is clear that the reason credit card users are treated like people (lenders work with them), but college student borrowers are treated like dogs, is the lack of a self-defense mechanism, as described in my press inquiry, namely, S.2598 and H.R.4907, the two enrolled bankruptcy bills.

Be assured, Sen. Heinrich, that while we are "Conservative" press, we stand with you in defense of Americans in college, who can't afford it, and most Americans of **both** parties agree:

<https://ContractWithAmerica2.com/#polls>

<https://GordonWatts.com/n.index.html#polls>

<https://GordonWayneWatts.com/n.index.html#polls>

We give news coverage to numerous polls in this issue.

While we are busy and not as fast as we'd like, we hope to update our Courage Scorecard, linked in front page news of The Register, linked in our press inquiry, and we hope our legislative analyses are useful to you as you argue for justice with your colleagues in the Senate and House.

**Gordon Watts, Nat'l Dir CONTRACT WITH AMERICA: PART II, Editor-in-chief, The Register**

<https://GordonWatts.com>

<https://GordonWayneWatts.com>

<https://ContractWithAmerica2.com>

Sent from my Galaxy

----- Original message -----

From: Office of Senator Martin Heinrich <[donotreply@heinrich.senate.gov](mailto:donotreply@heinrich.senate.gov)>

Date: 5/9/22 9:51 AM (GMT-05:00)

To: [gordon@contractwithamerica2.com](mailto:gordon@contractwithamerica2.com)

Subject: Responding to your message to Senator Heinrich



May 9, 2022

Dear Mr. watts,

Providing access to affordable higher education is very important. Building a better education pipeline from cradle-to-career and from one generation to the next is the one sure way to turn our economy around. Yet student loan debt continues to weigh upon graduates and is impacting their financial decisions and planning. The 2020 End of Year Spending Package, H.R. 133, the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021, included changes to the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and expanded eligibility for Pell grants for low- and middle-income students to attend college. This was an effort I was proud to lead and see enacted into law.

Student loan payments have been paused during the COVID-19 pandemic and were set to resume on May 1, 2022. However, on April 6, 2022, President Biden extended the payment pause through August 31, 2022. Still, more legislative action is needed to make higher education affordable and accessible to all New Mexicans.

You wrote me specifically about Senate Resolution 46 (S. Res. 46), which was introduced by Democratic Leader Charles Schumer. If passed, it would call on the President to take executive action to cancel up to \$50,000 per person in federal student loan debt for borrowers. This resolution is currently with the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP).

I will keep your thoughts in mind if about this legislation and other efforts to reduce student loan debt during the 117th Congress. Your experiences, ideas, thoughts, and concerns inform my work and decisions. I hope you will write me again on any other issues that are important to you.

[Sign-up to receive email updates](#) for the latest news on issues important to you.

Sincerely,



MARTIN HEINRICH  
United States Senator

Follow me on Facebook and Twitter:

