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(Thurs. 04 Aug. 2016, IN THE NEWS) **News ; Press ; Higher Education ; Politics ; Congress** \* **The Dennis Ross 'Higher-Ed' solution in the news** \* After much effort on the part of all parties, the two "Higher Ed" solutions that central-Florida Republican congressman, Dennis A. Ross supported in a recent Town Hall Meeting (*news item below*) have now been receiving increased mainstream news media attention. *Register* editor/publisher, Gordon W. Watts, who was the initial proponent of these popular solutions, is in agreement with Ross' two proposed solutions: (#1) removal of taxpayer dollars from higher ed loans, in the first place, as a preventative measure, and, (#2) for existing college loans, the return of bankruptcy, which would repair an Unconstitutional Law: University of Connecticut law professor Philip Shuchman [testified before Congress](#), explaining that their removal of bankruptcy from college loans violated Federal Equal Protection: ([source 1](#)) \* ([source 2](#)) \* ([cached archive](#)) Watts, who nearly won on behalf of [Terri Schiavo](#), all by himself, thinks that there are [additional Constitutional problems](#) with current U.S. Bankruptcy Law regarding student loans.



**U.S. Rep. Dennis A. Ross representing Florida's 15th Congressional district in Central Florida, including parts of Polk & Hillsborough counties**

Meanwhile, increasing mainstream news media seems to agree with Watts:

\* "[A Polk Perspective: Fix our bankrupt policy on student debt](#)," By Gordon Wayne Watts, Guest columnist, *The Ledger*, August 04, 2016 [Scanned image of print version: [PDF](#) \* [.jpg image](#) \* Screenshot: [PDF](#) \* [.png image](#) \* Cache: [.html webpage](#) \* [PDF](#)]

\* "[Gordon in LAKELAND, Fla. on College Debt](#), *Coast to Coast AM*, "Open Line FRIDAY's," top of "Hour 4"; Fri.22-July-2016-PM to Sat.23-July-2016-PM \* [YouTube annotated video](#) \* [Facebook annotated video](#) \* [Twitter feed](#) \* [local cached copy \(.wmv format\)](#) \* [mirror 1 cache](#) \* [mirror 2 cache](#) \* [Coast to Coast AM \(Official episode page\)](#)

\* "[Republican Congressman breaks with party, admits college loans deserve bankruptcy](#)," By Gordon Wayne Watts, *The Register*, Published: Wednesday, April 13, 2016 at 12:34 p.m., -UPDATED: Wednesday, July 27, 2016 at 07:41 a.m. (EST-EDT) \* [mirror 1 cache](#) \* [mirror 2 cache](#) \* [mirror 3 cache](#) \* [mirror 4 cache](#)

\* "[Is the Mark Tetzlaff Case Over at the Supreme Court? Maybe Not.](#)", Posted by: Gordon Wayne Watts (Guest Post) (Debt Articles, Student Loan Bankruptcy Discharge), *GetOutOfDebt.org*, March 23, 2016 \* [local cached copy](#) \* [mirror 1 cache](#) \* [mirror 2 cache](#)

\* "[Column: The student loan crisis that can't be gotten rid of](#)," By Maureen 'Moe' Tkacik, *Reuters*, News | Wednesday, August 15, 2012, 8:48pm EDT [(Cache Archive: [.html webpage format](#) \*\*\* [.doc Word format](#) \*\*\* [PDF format](#))]

\* "[Why College Prices Keep Rising](#)," By Alan Michael Collinge, *Special to The Register* | September 16, 2012, originally published [at FORBES](#), on Mar 19, 2012 @ 06:43 AM

\* "[Allowing Student Loans Increases the Cost of Education at All Levels](#)," By Gordon Wayne Watts, [ LETTER ], *The Ledger*, June 03, 2011 \* [local cached copy](#) \* [mirror 1 cache](#) \* [mirror 2 cache](#)

\* "[Beware the debt trap](#)," By Gordon Wayne Watts, (Letters To The Editor) *TBO.com* ; *The Tampa Tribune*, Published: October 18, 2009 ; Updated: March 23, 2013 at 02:59 PM \* [local cached copy](#) \* [mirror 1 cache](#) \* [mirror 2 cache](#)

\* "[Higher-Ed Tuition Costs: The 'Conservative' view is not on either extreme](#)," By Gordon Wayne Watts, *The Register*, Published: Monday, 28 September 2009 ; Last Modified: Sunday, 29 May 2016: [mirror 1 cache](#) \* [mirror 2 cache](#) \* [mirror 3 cache](#) \* [mirror 4 cache](#)

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\* [The famous "Million Person" petition] "[Support Student Loan Forgiveness](#)," Petition by Student Debt Crisis, hosted by *MoveOn* circa: 2012 - see news items, below \* (Note: the claim on the petition, "There are currently 1,203,666 signatures," is documented as of today, Thr 04 Aug 2016. Cf: [screenshot1-MILLION-PERSON-petition.PNG](#) \* [screenshot2-MILLION-PERSON-petition.PNG](#) \* [screenshot1-MILLION-PERSON-petition.JPG](#) \* [screenshot2-MILLION-PERSON-petition.JPG](#) ~Editor)

\* "[Will a million online signatures push Congress to take up student loan debt relief?](#)," By Kitty Felde, 89.3, *KPCC, Southern California Public Radio*, March 25, 2013

\* "[1 Million People Show Support for Student Loan Forgiveness Act](#)," By Katy Hopkins | Staff Writer, *U.S. News & World Report*, June 28, 2012, at 4:15 p.m.

\* "[Student Loans: 1 Million Signatures Delivered Asking Congress To Do More Than Low Interest Rates](#)," By Tyler Kingkade Senior Editor/Reporter, *The Huffington Post*, 06/29/2012 05:47 pm ET

**ACTION items -for those who wish to do something:**

**Legislative** (1st **Branch** of **Government**)  
[Congress \(House\)](#) \* [Senate](#) \* Other resources to contact your Federal lawmaker (states have little or no control over federal matters) \* [USA.gov](#) \* [ContactingTheCongress.org](#) \* [Medium.com](#)

**Executive** (2nd **Branch** of **Government**)  
[The Whitehouse](#) claims to have made improvements [in Higher Ed](#), and, to some extent, they have. However, has [The Whitehouse and President](#) really done all that they could? Oh, really? <https://www.whitehouse.gov/contact/write-or-call> or <https://www.whitehouse.gov/contact> by email.

**Judicial** (3rd **Branch** of **Government**) - here are some ideas  
\* "[Is the Mark Tetzlaff Case Over at the Supreme Court? Maybe Not](#)," Posted by: Gordon Wayne Watts (Guest Post) (Debt Articles, Student Loan Bankruptcy Discharge), [GetOutOfDebt.org](#), March 23, 2016 \* [local cached copy](#) \* [mirror 1 cache](#) \* [mirror 2 cache](#)

**The** "4th **Estate"** (contacting **the** **News** **Media**)  
<http://www.nytx.com/Links/TV/articles/newsmediacontacts.html> \* <http://blog.fundrazr.com/tips-and-tricks/how-to-pitch-your-story> \* <http://fair.org/take-action-now/media-activism-kit/media-contact-list> \* <http://archive.mrc.org/MediaAddresses/mediaaddresses.asp> \* ...or call, write, and visit your local newspapers, TV stations, go to demonstrations, protests, and write letters to the editors, etc.

**Petitions:** like **the** **above,** **but** **a** **good** **addition:** "**Just Do It**"  
<https://www.popvox.com/bills/us/114/hr449> \* [Petition2Congress.com petition for H.R. 449](#) \* [the famous 1-Million person petition!](#) \* [Congress.gov - official Congress website on H.R.449](#)

**Editor's Note:** Congressman Dennis A. Ross (R-FL-15th) is highlighted here, but he is by no means the only party who is responsible for fixing some very Unconstitutional laws, that affect us all. In my state (Florida), Sen. Marco Rubio (R-FL) and Sen. Bill Nelson (D-FL) are also responsible for passing laws, in the upper chamber (the U.S. Senate). Additionally, U.S. Rep. David Jolly (R-FL-13th), another Republican representing the 13th Congressional District of Florida, in Pinellas County, slightly west of

Lakeland, is a rare Republican who also supports H.R.449, which shows me that there may be hope for the GOP. "I didn't leave the Republican Party: They left me." ~anonymous disgruntled Republican \*\*\* For some bills in question, please see [the BILLS folder](#) which is described in more detail on the main "[BraveRepublicanBreaksRanksWithGOP-HigheEd.html](#)" news item.



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Sen. Bill Nelson (D-Fla.)



Sen. Marco Rubio (R-Fla.)



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representing Florida's  
15th Congressional district  
in Central Florida,  
including parts of Polk &  
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