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## Dennis Ross deserves credit where due (300-word letter)

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RE: <http://www.theledger.com/article/20130124/EDIT02/130129635/1037/edit02?Title=Ross-Has-Heavy-Hand-Online>

Re: "Ross Has Heavy Hand Online," Jan. 24. Thank you for printing my letter.

Normally, it's unethical to consider writing another letter on the same subject right away, but my Christian faith has said that I must 'do the right thing' due to an unusual & unexpected update on this matter.

Not only has Congressman Dennis Ross' staff unblocked me (I was notified of this by phone at 11:59am on Wednesday the 23rd), but also, since it might appear as if Ross acted 'in reaction' to my letter, I wanted to point out that my letter published AFTER the fact, thus he couldn't have reacted to it.

While the actual reasons for blocking me & others still remain unclear, I give Ross and his staff credit where credit is due: Congressman Ross has no doubt seen my posts on his Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/dennis.ross.376](http://www.facebook.com/dennis.ross.376) but not objected or blocked me subsequently, so he's indeed open to hearing other views.

Dr. Jay Dennis, the pastor at my church (1st Baptist Church at the Mall, Lakeland) has said it's our duty to not only speak against bad actions of leaders but also to praise them for good works; I concur.

While I'm still very troubled at Ross' 'yea' votes on 4 of 6 of the appropriations votes I could locate (there may be more?), I can honestly say that, after attending both of his Town Hall Meetings yesterday (Thr 24 Jan 2013), I was impressed that he seems genuinely concerned, a very good listener, and very-well educated (with specific facts) on many issues.

Moving forward, I'm hopeful that Ross' staff will work with constituents who were erroneously blocked from Facebook or Twitter, that constituents would be patient –and that Ross would simply become 'Dr. No' on ANY and ALL new spending bills.

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**PS: Dennis, I realise you told me once a long time ago not to send you any more email (at your personal email address, here), and I respect your personal space, but (I should hope to make this "one-time" exception here) since I had hit you so hard online (the sword is mightier than the pen!) -and given your reputation a "black eye," I felt it was only right of me to keep you "in the**

**loop" in real time about this matter (my letter above) that impacted you directly -and assure you that, while I'm human, and subject to err, my intentions are good here.**

**Also, since I believe you truly are interested in the plight of college students, I'll 'slip in' the links to my research page -- all mirrors are equal - you need only take a look at one - and, maybe, print it out -- at the bottom of my short Op-Ed are some proposed changes in Federal Law (that's your thing!), and (since you're a lawyer, I think you'll appreciate this) - at the top-left of each mirror is a link to the legal research -- yeah, I know, I'm not a lawyer, but let's not forget I almost won on behalf of Terri Schiavo (as her next friend), losing eventually 4-3 in Florida's high court -- scared the DAYLIGHTS out of a lot of legal types! -- here's my short Op-Ed (with many lengthy references and a cool chart, graph, or two) ---**

Cross-posted on 4 mirrors:

- \* <http://GordonWatts.com/Higher-Ed-Tuition-Costs.html>
- \* <http://GordonWayneWatts.com/Higher-Ed-Tuition-Costs.html>
- \* <http://ThirstForJustice.net/Higher-Ed-Tuition-Costs.html>
- \* [http://Gordon\\_Watts.Tripod.com/Higher-Ed-Tuition-Costs.html](http://Gordon_Watts.Tripod.com/Higher-Ed-Tuition-Costs.html)

PS: I'm cc'ing your boss -- Spk. John Boehner -- *because I'm sooo very frustrated with your peeps in the House of Representatives for continually voting for additional appropriations (spending) bills and sending our Nat'l Debt soaring!* --and for not considering college students as important as rich Wall Street Bankers who get continual Bailout\$, Stimulus Money, Corporate Handout\$ -and then they can still have bankruptcy safety-net? --but College Student Loan borrowers AREN'T allowed this same "safety net." LOL -- It's like I said in the Town Hall Meeting last night (thank you for putting up with my lengthy and critical question!) -- the bankruptcy safety-net is like the 2nd Amendment: No one wants to use either -- but they are means to protect oneself (from either an assault & battery --or from Predatory Lending) --and, with all due respect, I disagree with your take on this: There \*does\* need to be a sharp decline in student loans (both Federal and Private), because this interference in the Free Market causes tuition inflation, e.g., a bubble: Colleges raise prices because students can borrow huge amounts: All loans for higher ed are counterproductive, as I show in my page above.

**OK - not to be long-winded (I know you have a trillion other constituents, so I shant hog your time here!) -- thank you for putting up with me -- I don't plan on sending you any more emails to your personal email address here (to honour your request for Personal Space) --and, if I do email y'all at your office, I should hope to make them few & far between and Short & to-the-point.**

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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. Fomier, 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