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RICK SCOTT
FLORIDA'S U.S. SENATOR

Dear Mr. Watts,

Thank you for contacting me regarding the cost of higher education and student loans. I appreciate the opportunity to respond.

I grew up in a household that struggled to make ends meet, and I know firsthand the life-changing opportunities offered by a quality education. Whether it's a community college, a four-year university, or a trade school, continuing education is a great way to get a good-paying job and achieve the American Dream.

As governor, I made keeping Florida's higher education affordable and accessible a priority of my administration and secured major wins for families and students. During the eight years of my administration, I prevented any tuition hikes between 2012 and 2018 at Florida's public colleges and universities. I also challenged the state's higher education institutions to reduce costs for students and improve post-graduation job placement rates. This work included my $10,000 Degree Challenge and the "Ready, Set, Work" Challenge.

By the end of my administration, every public college and university in Florida offered at least one degree that cost no more than $10,000 to obtain, and all 28 state colleges and 12 state universities committed to ensuring 100% of their students either graduated with a four-year degree or gained full-time employment within a year of graduation. Holding colleges and universities accountable took hard work, but it paid dividends for Florida families and students by keeping higher education affordable in the Sunshine State.

As your United States Senator, reducing the cost and improving the quality of education for our future generations remains a top priority, and I will continue to explore ways to implement the success we achieved in Florida on a national scale.

Again, thank you for your message. I am proud to represent every citizen in Florida, and I appreciate the time you took to provide your position on this matter. Should you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Rick Scott
United States Senator

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