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## Statement on the PROTECT Students Act

"The <u>PROTECT Students Act</u> includes a sweeping set of protections for students and taxpayers against predatory and low-quality colleges. Whether they paid filet mignon prices for hamburger educations or were cheated by predatory colleges, too many students seeking a better life are left with unaffordable debts and no path to the middle class. We commend Senators Hassan and Durbin for introducing this essential legislation to curb waste, fraud, and abuse by unscrupulous schools at student and taxpayer expense."

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