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Ms. Amy Laitinen  
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Dear Ms. Laitinen:

Thank you again for testifying at the September 16, 2025, Committee on Education and Workforce, Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Development hearing titled "No More Surprises: Reforming College Pricing for Students and Families." Enclosed are additional questions submitted by Subcommittee members following the hearing. Please provide a written response no later than October 29, 2025, for inclusion in the hearing record. Responses should be sent to Isaiah Knox ([isaiah.knox@mail.house.gov](mailto:isaiah.knox@mail.house.gov)) of the Committee staff; he can also be contacted at (202) 226-9418.

We appreciate your contribution to the work of the Committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "B. Owens", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Burgess Owens  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Development

**Representative Elise Stefanik (R-NY)**

1. Ms. Laitinen, you represent New America, a think tank that has supported various loan forgiveness policies. Can you explain why so many colleges continue to hire armies of administrators and reduce teaching loads for professors, while pushing the costs onto students through massive, unsustainable loans?
2. How do you justify a system where tenured faculty often teach only two courses per semester, while students are saddled with six figures of debt for limited classroom instruction?
3. Do you acknowledge that the federal loan system, as currently structured, enables colleges to raise tuition unchecked, knowing the government will foot the bill, regardless of whether the degree actually leads to a job?
4. Would you support limiting federal loan eligibility for programs that repeatedly show poor outcomes for graduates in terms of earnings and employment?