

To: The Faculty and Staff of Canisius College

I write to you in an urgent plea to contact your member of Congress regarding the federal tax reform legislation, which could prove to be very harmful to Canisius College, its students, and its employees.

Both houses of Congress are moving quickly on tax reform legislation. The Tax Relief and Jobs Act has moved to a House/Senate conference. While in conference, differences in the bill will either be negotiated or both chambers will agree to one of the current versions. The House and Senate hope to have the final bill approved in both chambers and on the President's desk by the end of the year. Most provisions of the bill, if passed this year, are scheduled to take effect Jan. 1.

Although both the House and Senate bills are problematic to higher education, the House bill will do far more harm. We are asking you to reach out to your members of Congress to urge them to reject the provisions that will harm institutions like Canisius.

- **Please ask your elected officials to please retain the student and family tuition and loan benefits, as the Senate bill would, in any final conference report on the tax bills.** This includes the Student Loan Interest Deduction, preserving the tax exemption for graduate tuition waivers and employee tuition remission benefits, and the Lifetime Learning Credit.
- **Please ask your elected officials to reject the new excise tax on private college and university endowments that is in both the House and Senate bills.** This punitive intrusion into charitable giving is a terrible precedent and will ultimately harm students by reducing the amount of financial aid available through endowments.

Private colleges and universities are doing everything possible to keep costs down to make a college education accessible and affordable. However, these tax proposals will negatively impact our ability to keep college affordable. Students and our employees, unfortunately, would bear the brunt of these harmful proposals.

Please make your voice heard by emailing your elected officials to tell them to stand with Canisius College and its students by retaining student and family tuition and loan benefits and reject taxation on university endowments.

A list of email addresses for WNY congressional offices is below. Please click [here](#) to find your member of Congress.

Thank you very much for your help with our efforts to preserve important benefits to students, families and our college community.

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