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Talking Points:

Vote NO on the FY 2016 budget resolution. It will make damaging changes to the core federal student aid programs that help millions of students go to college each year:

- A vote for this budget is a vote to make college more expensive by freezing Pell Grants for the next decade and increasing student loan costs on a program already profitable for the federal government.

- Freezing the Pell Grant at $5,775 for the next 10 years will force low-income students to borrow more, or to forego college because of the gap in their financing.

- Eliminating the in-school interest subsidy will increase student loan debt for low-income undergraduates by at least $3,800 on average. These are some of the same students that will have their Pell Grants frozen (above).

- The federal government is already making $15 billion annually on student loans, and now wants to make an additional $40 billion by charging low-income students interest while they are in college (Students without need already are charged interest while in college). (CBO March 2015 baseline estimate of 2015 loan volume.)

- New scoring rules on the student loan programs would inflate the cost of the programs, paving the way for higher borrower fees in the future.