

January 22, 2018

The Honorable Rob Portman
United States Senate
448 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Portman:

On behalf of Education Finance Council (EFC), I want to congratulate you, Senator Coons, and Senator King for the introduction of S.2258, *Domenic's Law*. EFC strongly supports this legislation and your efforts to allow a parent whose child develops a total and permanent disability to qualify for student loan discharge. EFC previously endorsed the *Stop Taxing Death and Disability Act*, and was pleased to see its inclusion in the tax reform bill. While we understand that the language in *Domenic's Law* was removed from the tax bill due to reconciliation rules, we appreciate your continued efforts to move these important provisions forward.

EFC is the national trade association representing nonprofit and state-based organizations that, as mission-driven, public purpose organizations, are dedicated to improving college access, success, and affordability in their states and nationwide. EFC members operate as loan servicers and supplemental loan originators, and provide a wide array of college access and student success services and resources. EFC members, who have a great deal of experience with helping distressed borrowers, agree that a parent whose child develops a total and permanent disability should be allowed to qualify for student loan discharge.

By allowing a parent whose child develops a total and permanent disability to qualify for student loan discharge, this legislation makes a common-sense and compassionate reform, and resolves an inconsistency in statute by authorizing the Department of Education to discharge federal loans owed by a parent of a child who becomes totally and permanently disabled.

EFC strongly endorses *Domenic's Law*, which makes necessary reforms to help families in times of great personal struggle. EFC looks forward to working with you, Senator King, Senator Portman, and your colleagues to move this important legislation forward.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if EFC can be of assistance to you or your staff in any way.

Sincerely,



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President

c: The Honorable Chris Coons
The Honorable Angus King