

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

November 9, 2017

The Honorable Kevin Brady  
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The Honorable Orrin Hatch  
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Dear Chairman Brady, Ranking Member Neal, Chairman Hatch, and Ranking Member Wyden:

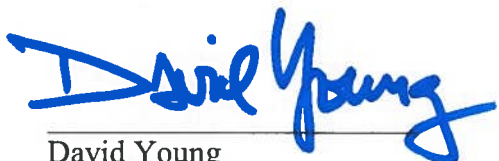
As both the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate continue to work on policies to help hardworking families in our districts, we write to urge you to provide an exception for Qualified Student Loan Bonds (QSLB) when evaluating the tax treatment of private activity bonds.

We all agree the tax code should help middle-class families. As many families across the country need financing tools beyond the federal student loan program, they often find affordable, lower cost borrowing through nonprofit and state-based student loan funding providers who depend on their ability to use QSLB.

Preserving tax-exempt QSLB financing for students and borrowers will keep the interest rates low for education loan borrowers who need help funding the gap between the total cost of attendance and any federal loans, grants, and scholarships they may receive. We recognize the process of simplifying the tax code has just begun, and there will continue to be deliberations on provisions helping our constituents and the national economy. As this discussion continues, we remain focused on ensuring students and families have the tools necessary to cover the cost of higher education.

Again, we urge you to provide an exception for QSLB through nonprofit and state-based student loan funding providers as Congress continues to consider tax policies. Thank you in advance for your consideration, and know we stand ready to work with you as Congress moves forward.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress



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