

June 28, 2019

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

The Honorable Angus King
United States Senate
133 Hart Senate Office Bldg.
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Christopher Coons
United States Senate
218 Russell Senate Office Bldg.
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senators Portman, King, and Coons:

On behalf of Education Finance Council (EFC), I am writing to endorse S.1219, *Domenic and Ed's Law*. EFC greatly appreciates 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 this legislation in the 115th Congress, and 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. It also 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 and Ed's Law*, which makes necessary reforms to help families in times of great personal struggle. EFC looks forward to working with you and your colleagues to move this important legislation forward.

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

Sincerely,



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President