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**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
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The Honorable John Kline  
2439 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515-0001

The Honorable George Miller  
2205 Rayburn Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515-0001

Dear Chairman Kline and Ranking Member Miller,

We write today to urge the swift consideration H.R. 3240, The Christopher Bryski Student Loan Protection Act. This non-controversial bi-partisan legislation passed the House by unanimous consent last Congress.

The Christopher Bryski Student Loan Protection Act is named after a New Jersey college student who suffered a traumatic brain injury during his third year at Rutgers University and passed away after two years in a coma. After his death Christopher's family learned that they were responsible for his loan repayments.

Dealing with the loss of a child is hard enough without having to take on the unforeseen financial burden of repaying outstanding private student loans. In this circumstance federal loans are forgiven, but private lenders still require families to pay back loans on behalf of their deceased children.

H.R. 3240 will require lenders to make clear to cosigners their obligations in case of death, disability, or inability of the student to engage in any substantial gainful activity. Families should not have to scour the fine print in order to understand their role as cosigners and, should the unthinkable happen, parents should have a thorough understanding of what to expect.

We thank you for your consideration of this request and look forward to working with the committee to see the expeditious movement of H.R. 3240.

Sincerely,



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