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Dear General Becerra:

I am very concerned by the high student debt load. This problem appears to be saddling our poorest students with a lifetime debt and predatory interest arrangements. The recent fiasco with federal debt forgiveness eligibility simply points to the extent of the problem. I am encouraged to see Attorney General Ferguson of Washington file a suit to reign in some of the worst offenders and Massachuttes moving to reduce public tuition. While the problems with for profit colleges and banks are complex it is important to move toward making education a right not a privilege of the rich.

Please assure me that you will join the Washington suit or file your own.

I am very proud to be a California resident and a large part of that derives from our leadership in innovative, effective, progressive leadership.

Sincerely, Eric Babson