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Dr. Christopher Maples, Interim Chancellor
Missouri University of Science and Technology
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Dear Dr. Maples:

As Chairman of the House Subcommittee on Student Debt Relief of Higher Education, I am reaching out to you for information and ideas to help understand and identify the factors associated with the continual rise in student debt. Over the next few months we will be holding meetings at the State Capitol to address these concerns to hopefully find solutions to harness this debt burden.

We are requesting the following information pertaining to your institution. However, please feel free to provide additional information beyond what is requested below.

- Current overall student debt load
- Average debt per student
- Increase/decrease in student debt
- Percent of student federal debt
- Percent of student “private” debt
- Percent of average loan used to fund lifestyle, rather than tuition
- Default rate figures
- Ideas for decreasing student debt

Our first scheduled meeting will be held at the State Capitol, on Tuesday, September 12, 2017, at 2:00 p.m. in House Hearing Room 1. In order for us to prepare for this meeting, your immediate response is requested. While you may respond by mail, email is preferred.

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If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office at (573) 751-9465. I encourage your involvement as your input is needed and greatly appreciated.

Sincere Regards,


Allen Andrews

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