

With families struggling in this difficult economy, it's more important than ever that we work hard to expand educational opportunities for Central Texas students. I spoke in support of the Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act-the single largest investment in college aid in American history, at no cost to taxpayers. This bill corrects both the budget deficit and the "opportunity deficit" - when students cannot reach their God-given potential because of financial barriers. By eliminating the unnecessary middleman role of private financial institutions, eliminating the red tape, and lending directly to students, the federal government will have more money for our students and more resources left over to reduce the national debt. Investing in our students is an investment in America's future. To see a video of my floor remarks, click [here](#).