

Murphy on GOP's False Choice Between Education & Health Care (VIDEO)

WASHINGTON-Congressman Chris Murphy today opposed a Republican measure that attempts to pay for lower student loan rates by slashing critical health care funding for women and children. Murphy is a strong supporter of legislation by Congressman Joe Courtney that would permanently protect the lower rate on student loans without cutting funding for vital care like childhood immunizations and women's cancer screenings.

Murphy delivered the following statement on the floor of the House of Representatives:

Thank you,
Mr. Speaker. The question before the House today was whether we were going to take money for preventative services for women and children and give it to college students. That's a really dumb question. It's not dumb because of the recipient of the money-we need right now to make a change here in this Congress so that millions of college students all across the country don't see a dramatic increase in the cost of college. My wife and I are amongst those that are paying back our student loans today. We know what those college students know: \$5,000 over the next ten years could break the bank. No, it was a dumb question because there was another question that we could have asked. We could have asked whether we should take billions in tax subsidies for oil companies and instead turn those dollars around to needy college students. That is a smart question, a smart question with a pretty easy answer.

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