

LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS

[Date]

Dear [Senator/Representative _____]:

I am writing to **encourage you to be an original cosponsor of the *Roosevelt Scholars Act* when it is introduced in the 111th Congress.** This important legislation was first introduced by Representatives David Price (D-NC) and Christopher Shays (R-CT) in May 2008, and Representative Price plans to reintroduce the bill in early 2009 when the new Congress convenes. The *Roosevelt Scholars Act* will better enable the federal government to recruit young leaders into the federal government.

As a young person who is thinking ahead about possible career options, this legislation is particularly meaningful to me. Ultimately, I want to pursue a career where I am able to make a difference and the federal government offers terrific opportunities to work on important issues affecting our country. However, I fear I cannot afford a career in public service due to the high student loan debt that I need to begin to repay after graduation.

I am excited about the *Roosevelt Scholars Act* because it would create scholarships for people like me who are interested in pursuing a graduate degree in a mission-critical field where government has the greatest need for talent. In return, I would gladly make the three-to-five year service commitment and work in a federal agency. The Roosevelt scholarships would provide an incentive for me and my peers to consider federal service.

I strongly urge you to cosponsor this significant legislation. For more information about the *Roosevelt Scholars Act*, and to sign on as an original cosponsor in the 111th Congress, please contact **Kate Roetzer** with **Representative David Price** (kate.roetzer@mail.house.gov).

Sincerely,

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