



Independent Women Supports The Student Empowerment Act

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Dear Senators,

Independent Women's Voice strongly applauds the introduction of the Student Empowerment Act by Senator Ted Cruz. Independent Women fights for women and their loved ones by effectively expanding support for policy solutions that aren't just well-intended, but actually enhance people's freedom, opportunities, and well-being.

The Student Empowerment Act delivers flexibility and opportunity to American students by amending the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow 529 savings accounts to be used for educational expenses for all K-12 students, including public, private, and homeschooled students. With these tax-advantaged accounts, families save more of their own money for necessary educational expenses such as curriculum materials, educational therapies, tutoring, testing fees, and more.

In elementary, middle, and high school, students not only learn foundational skills that are absolutely critical for their future, but they learn whether or not they enjoy school and learning at all. Parents of kids in K-12 schools need to be able to make the best decisions for their children.

Too many are diligently putting money away in 529 accounts, but can't afford to make additional investments in their children's education. Senator Cruz is offering a lifeline that can help many parents ensure that their kids get on the right path early in life. Parents should absolutely have the option to use money—money that they have put away for their children—when they believe it's most needed.

For these reasons, we urge the Senate to work toward the swift passage of this bill. Thank you, Senator Cruz, for your leadership on this important issue.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Carrie Lukas'.

Carrie Lukas
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