



House Republicans Raid Prevention Fund ***Health Prevention Used to Pay for Student Loan Fix***

This afternoon, despite a [veto threat](#) from the White House, the House of Representatives [voted](#) 215 to 195 to approve legislation that would extend the interest rate paid on federal student loans. The legislation was paid for by cutting funding to the Prevention and Public Health Fund created by the Affordable Care Act.

The Senate will, after a brief recess next week, take up its version of legislation to extend the interest rate on federal student loans, though the Prevention Fund is not a pay-for in the Senate bill as it is paid for with other controversial measures including a tax increase on certain business entities. During the debate, Republicans plan to push for a vote on their alternative proposal that would, instead, use cutting funds to the Prevention and Public Health Fund to pay for the initiative. This approach, which is similar to the one taken by House Republicans, [has been decried by Senate Majority Leader Reid](#) and other Senate Democrats for “forcing Democrats to choose between helping students afford college tuition or forcing women to go without mammograms.”

The Campaign to End Obesity Action Fund is disappointed with the action taken this afternoon by the House of Representatives as they represent another short-sighted policy approach that will, unfortunately, deny millions of Americans access to services to prevent chronic diseases – including obesity. Moving forward, the Action Fund will continue to work with lawmakers in both chambers to uphold and protect the resources made available through the Fund and urge the Senate to not include cuts to the Fund to pay for other policy priorities.

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About the Campaign to End Obesity Action Fund

The Campaign to End Obesity Action Fund is dedicated to federal policy changes that can reverse one of America’s costliest diseases. The Campaign convenes leaders from industry, academia, public health and associations to speak with one voice for measures to reverse the obesity epidemic and promote healthy weight in children and adults.