

Democratic Radio - "Still No Meaningful Action on Student Debt"

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MADISON – Today Rep. Lisa Subeck (D-Madison) offered the Democratic Weekly Radio Address. The topic this week is Republicans closing out the legislative session this week without any meaningful action on college affordability, which they claimed would be the centerpiece of their spring agenda.

"Wisconsin student loan borrowers deserve better than the weak, anemic proposals Republicans put forward," Rep. Subeck said. "That's why Democrats introduced our 'Higher Ed, Lower Debt' bill, which would ensure real relief for the more than one million Wisconsinites with student debt by allowing them to refinance their loans as they would with a car loan or mortgage. Meaningful relief for students and borrowers is a top priority for people across Wisconsin, and it will continue to be a Democratic priority as well."

The audio file of this week's address can be found [here](#) .

A written transcript of the address is below:

This week Republicans wrapped up the legislative session with a whimper, particularly when it comes to college affordability, where they did not do one solitary thing to actually help students reduce their debt obligations.

Governor Walker and Republican legislators claimed college affordability would be the centerpiece of their spring agenda. But once again, they were all talk and no action. At the last minute – due to their own irresponsible budget decisions – the Republicans were forced to abandon key parts of their plan.

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individual borrowers hundreds of dollars a year, providing more opportunity for our citizens and jumpstarting our economy.

Meaningful relief for students and borrowers is a top priority for people across Wisconsin, and it will continue to be a Democratic priority as well. We can and must do better to address this growing crisis.