

Cartwright, Roskam Introduce Bipartisan Bill to Increase College Tuition Transparency

By Emily Sweda

Washington, DC – U.S. Representatives Matt Cartwright (D-PA-17) and Peter Roskam (R-IL-06) recently introduced bipartisan legislation to help students and families plan for the increasing costs of higher education. The bipartisan Truth-In-Tuition Act (H.R. 4715) would require universities and colleges to provide a four-year price model for students and parents.

Tuition and fees at four-year universities has increased over two and a half times the inflation rate, making a college degree less affordable than ever. After adjusting for inflation, prices for tuition, fees, and room and board rose 33% and 26% respectively at public and private nonprofit universities from 2005 to 2015.

The Truth-In-Tuition Act would require schools to present each incoming class with a multi-year tuition and fee schedule or give each student a non-binding

estimate of what their education will cost them individually. There are no price caps or tuition freezes, and schools are still free to determine tuition rates.

“Skyrocketing college tuition costs limit opportunity and place many students and their families in serious debt,” said Rep. Cartwright. “Without having the full picture of college costs, students and their families are forced to take on more student loan debt than they originally anticipated. This bipartisan bill will help create a clear path forward so that unforeseen costs don’t inhibit students’ ability to achieve their education goals.”

“A college education is a key factor in an individual’s future success and unpredictable costs should not make this an unattainable goal. Colleges and universities that rely on federal dollars owe it to students and families to provide truth in tuition,” said Rep. Roskam. “Making this process more trans-

parent gives families the peace-of-mind to better plan for college and relieves some of the anxiety that comes along with it.”

In Illinois, public universities and colleges are already required to provide a financial roadmap. Baylor University, George Washington University, the University of Minnesota, Central Michigan University, the University of Texas-Dallas, and many more colleges have implemented this policy.

Rep. Matt Cartwright represents Pennsylvania’s 17th Congressional District, which includes Schuylkill County and portions of Carbon, Lackawanna, Luzerne, Monroe, and Northampton Counties. Cartwright serves on the House Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

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150 Bunny Trail, Bangor
 Jan 21- 9:30am SS, 10:40am Worship (Children's Church to grade 2), 5pm Powerhouse Praise Practice, 6pm Teen Straight Talk & Small Groups. Kenneth L. Bean, Pastor (610) 588-6929

Belfast Bible
483 Belfast Rd., Belfast
 Jan 21- Sunday School (all ages) 9:30am, Worship 10:45am, Evening Service 7pm. Pastor Michael Yaworski.

Belfast Wesley United Methodist
607 School St., Belfast
 Jan 21- Children's SS & Adult SS 9am, Worship 10am, coffee fellowship following worship. Pastor Paul Milligan. (610) 746-3652.

Benders Mennonite Church
975 Benders Church Rd., Pen Argyl
 Worship service every Sunday at 10:10am; Food Bank 3rd Saturday of the month 9-11am. 610-863-9114.

Bethel Bible Church of Mt. Zion
7742 N. Delaware Dr. (Rt. 611), Martins Creek
 Sunday School 9am, Sunday Morning Worship 10am. Pastor Rick Tunis, 610-250-9890. Learn about us online www.bethelbiblechurchofmtzion.org.

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church
703 S. Delaward Dr. (Rt 611), Mt. Bethel (Stone Church)
 Every Sunday- 9am Worship, Communion offered 1st & 3rd Sundays. 610-588-7056, www.celcpa.org

Clearfield Bible Holiness Church
1502 Bushkill Ctr Rd, Wind Gap
 Sun- SS 10:15am, Worship 11:15am & 3pm. Pastor Donald Herrick. (812) 653-3975.

Community Baptist
Weona Park Center, Pen Argyl
 Jan 16- Bible study 7pm. Separate class for age 10 & under.

Community Presbyterian
1755 S Delaware Drive, Mt. Bethel
 Jan 21- SS 9:15am, Worship service 10:30am, Coffee hour on last sunday of every month following service. www.mtbethelpresbyterian.org, (570) 897-6766.

Cross Road Baptist Church
201 Second St., Bangor
 Sun- 9:15am Praise Sing, 9:30am SS, 10:45am Worship; Wed- 7pm Prayer/Bible Study. Rev. Jay VanHorn, Pastor (610) 588-3966, www.crossroadbaptistbangor.org

East Bangor United Methodist
136 W. Central Ave., E Bangor
 Jan 18- 7pm Choir; Jan 20- 8pm AA Meeting; Jan 21- 8:30am Choir, 9:15am Worship, 10:30am Adult Forum. Pastor David Goss (610) 588-4453. Dial-A-Message, (610) 588-3896. www.ebumc.org

Faith Alive Community Church
10 Mechanic St, Wind Gap
 Tues- 6pm Ladies Prayer Meeting (2nd Tues); Wed- 6:30pm Revival Prayer, 7:15pm Adult Bible Study; Sat- 10-2pm Prayer Stop (1st Sat); Sun- 9:15am Family Fellowship, 9:30am Intercessory Prayer, 10am Worship, 10:45am Children's Church, Communion at 10:30am (1st Sun). Pastor Matthew Whistler. (610) 863-6911, www.faccpa.org

Faith United Presbyterian
Penna & Heller Aves., Pen Argyl
 Jan 21- 9am Choir, 10am Worship/Communion/Food Bank/Church School. Rev. Ruth Ann Christopher. (610) 836-4447

Family Life Community Church
1115 Richmond Rd, Bangor
 Wed- Kidz Night Out at The Hub 6:30-8pm (kids 6 thru 6th gr.); Thurs- Teen Night Out at The Hub 6:30-8pm (gr. 7-9); Sun- 10am Celebration Service. Pastor Mike Poppa. 610-588-3736, www.flccbBangor.com.

First United Evangelical
25 S 2nd St., Bangor
 Jan 18- 7pm Prayer Meeting & Bible Study; Jan 21- 9am Prayer Meeting, 9:30am Church School, 10:30am Worship. Pastor Ronald Shipman at (610) 588-3226

First United Methodist Church
55 N. Third St., Bangor
 Worship every Sunday at 11am, Communion first Sunday of month, Children's message and SS during worship. Pastor Chris Hardy (610) 588-4673.

First United Methodist
19 West & Water St., Wind Gap
 Jan 21- 9am SS, 10am Worship/Communion, 11am Fellowship on 1st Sunday of each month. Pastor John Vidal (570) 426-0645

Flicksville UCC
1337 Lower S. Main St., Bangor
 Jan 21- 9:30am SS, 10:45am Worship. Pastor Ken Hess (610) 588-4648, www.flicksvilleucc.org

God's Missionary Church of Northampton
4965 Nor. Bath Blvd (Rt 329), Northampton, PA
 Sun- SS 9:30am, Service 10:30 & 7pm, Youth Service 6:30pm; Wed- Prayer Meeting 7:30pm. Rev. Rodney Keister. (610) 262-4412. http://GMC-N.com

Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church,
2904 Church Rd, Martins Creek PA
 Sunday Worship Service 9:00 am. Adult Bible Study Following Worship. Pastor Louise Williams. www.goodshepherdmc.com

Grace Lutheran Church
5907 Sullivan Trail, Nazareth
 Jan 16- 6:30pm Choir; Jan 21- 9am Service/Communion, 10:15am SS, 10:30am Confirmation/Adult Forum. (610) 759-9080, www.gracebelfast.org

Grace United Methodist
404 Mountain Ave., Pen Argyl
 Jan 21- 8:30am Contemporary, 10am Blended, 10am SS. Rev. J. Timothy Fisher. (610) 863-4811. www.worshipatgrace.org

Holy Trinity Orthodox Church
1501 Trinity Court, Stroudsburg
 Divine Liturgy Sundays 9:30 AM; Vespers Saturday 6:30 PM. (570) 421-4455, www.holytrinitypoconos.org.

Hopesprings Community of Faith
301 Market Street, Bangor
 Sun-Services 10am. Jonathan Almanzar, Lead Pastor. 855-INFO-HOPE. www.hopespringscommunity.org.

Hope UCC
2nd & Cherry St., Wind Gap
 Sun- 9:15am SS, 10:30am Worship (Communion 1st Sunday of the month). All are welcome! Pastor Darlene K. Blocker. (610) 863-4474

Living Waters Christian Church
396 Sterling Rd. Unit D, Tobyhanna
 Thurs- 6pm Christian Edu Sun- 9:15am Christian Edu, 10:30am Worship. Rev. Dr. Jacqueline R. Walters 570-350-4710

Mt. Bethel Church
A Church of the Lutheran Brethren
1270 Belvidere Cr. Rd, Mt. Bethel
 Jan 21- 8:30am Traditional Service including "Kids Korner" Children's Sermon, 9:50am Confirmation & SS, 11am Contemporary Service including Mt. Bethel Praise Team & "Children's Church" during the sermon. Chris Priestaf, Senior Pastor. Dan Christenson, Assoc. Pastor. Andrew Little, Youth Director. Little Friends Preschool (570) 897-7797. Visit our website www.mountbethelchurch.org or call (570) 897-7142 for information or directions.

Our Lady of Good Counsel
436 South 2nd Street, Bangor
 Jan 16- Mass 4pm; Jan 21- Mass 8:30am. Pastor Stephen L. Maco, (610) 588-5445, www.goodcounselrcchurch.org

Portland Baptist Church
601 Delaware Ave., Portland
 Sundays- Fellowship 10-10:30am, Worship 10:30am, SS 9am, AWANA Youth Group/Prayer Meeting/Bible Study 6-7:30pm. We are handicap accessible with automatic doors, elevator and restroom. (570) 897-6866 www.portlandbaptistchurch.com

Presbyterian Parish of Bangor-Roseto
332 Kennedy Dr., Bangor
 Jan 21- Worship 10:45am. Rev. Albert Martin. (610) 588-4864, email presbyterianbr@frontiernet.net. www.facebook.com/Presbyterybr

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
2445 Lake Minsi Dr., Bangor
 Jan 16- Happy Quilters 9am; Jan 21- 8:30am SS, 9:45am Worship/Communion. (610) 588-2355, website www.popbangor.org

Richmond United Methodist Church
8538 Delaware Dr, Bangor
 Jan 21- Worship/SS 10am; 4th Sunday Fellowship Hour. Pastor Ed Van Arsdale. (610) 588-7317

The Roseto Independent Presbyterian Church
210 Garibaldi Ave, Roseto
 Sunday Worship Services 9:15am Greeting/Welcoming, 9:30am Service. All Welcome. Rev. Barry Eng. (610) 599-9949, www.RIPC-OnlineToday.org.

Slate Belt - Nazareth Baptist
1620 Church Rd, Pen Argyl
 Jan 21- 9:30am SS, 10:30am Worship & Children's Church (nursery provided), 5:30pm Bible Study. Pastor Scott J. Davis. (610) 863-9274.

St. Brigid's Episcopal Church
310 Madison Ave, Nazareth
 Sun- 9:45am SS, 10:45am Holy Eucharist. Rev. William Martin, 610-746-3910, www.stbrigidspa.org.

St. Elizabeth's Parish
300 West Babbitt Ave., Pen Argyl
 Jan 21- Masses 8am, 9:30am & 11am. Rev. Msgr. Vincent P. York. 610-863-4777

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran
12 N. Westbrook, Pen Argyl
 Jan 21- 8:45am SS, 10am Worship/Holy Communion. (610) 863-4332

St. Joseph's Episcopal
1440 Verona Dr., W. Bangor
 Jan 21- Eucharist 11am. Rev Joel Atkinson. Coffee hour after service.

St. Luke's U.C.C. Belfast
471 Belfast Rd., Nazareth (Belfast)
 SS 9am, Worship 10:30am. Rev. Frank Gassler. 610-759-0244. www.stlukesuccbelfast.com

St. Mary's Episcopal
340 Lehigh St., Wind Gap
 Jan 21- Eucharist 9am. Coffee hour follows service. Rev. Joel Atkinson in charge.

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran
1422 Church Rd, Pen Argyl
 Jan 17- Bible Study 11am, Praise Band 7pm; Jan 18- Youth Choir 6pm, Adult Choir 7:30pm; Jan 21- Services 8am and 10:15am, 9am SS. (610) 863-6859

St. Vincent DePaul Catholic
Delaware Ave., Portland
 Jan 20- Mass 6pm; Jan 21- Mass 10:30am. Rev. Stephen L. Maco www.goodcounselrcchurch.org (610) 588-5445.

The Pentecostal Christian Church the Truth
(Iglesia Pentecostal La Verdad)
4 Jory Ave Pen Argyl
 Jan 21- Prayer 14- Sunday School (Escuela Dominical) 12 noon, Praise & Worrship (Cuho Evangelistico) 1pm Every Tuesday- Food Bank Program (555 North Main St., Bangor), 10am-12pm. All are invited Bilingual Services. Pastor Frank Pons. (570) 807-7794

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404 Broadway, Bangor
 Jan 18- Christian Ed 6:30pm. Choir 7:30pm; Jan 21- SS 9am, Worship/Communion 10am. Pastor Laine. (610) 588-2023, www.tlcbangor.com.

Trinity United Church of Christ
632 S. Delaware Dr, Mt. Bethel
 Jan 21- SS 9:45am, Worship 10:30am. Rev. Rodney W. Wells. (610) 588-1989.

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