



## NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATE-PROFESSIONAL STUDENTS

### Sample Call Script Regarding PROSPER ACT

Hello, my name is **(your name)** I am a **(undergraduate/prof./Ph.D./etc.)** student at **(your school)** and I am calling today to speak to **(member of Congress's name)** about the effects of the proposed higher education reauthorization act - the PROSPER ACT and its impact on higher education. There are many provisions in the proposed law which will adversely impact graduate and professional students, and the ones of most concern to us are:

- The elimination of Stafford Loans and reduction of parent borrowing
- The elimination of Public Service Loan Forgiveness
- And, provisions that adversely affect the Clery Act.

*(Now the person on the phone will likely say that they can pass on your message. They may ask for your name and zip code)*

*(Choose 1 or 2 reasons from the list below to begin the conversation. Or share a personal story of how you will be affected.)*

- Undergraduate students currently have access to three ways of financing their education: Stafford Loans, Parent Plus loans, Perkins Loans, and federal work study. The unification of the loan program eliminates unsubsidized loans, increasing the burden on undergraduates while in college. Subsidized loans currently support 29.4 million students, while the Perkins loan which helps 2.6 million students will be eliminated.
- The Public Service Loan Forgiveness Act incentivizes professionals to pursue careers in the public service to help our underserved and rural communities, where their skills are needed. Professions that qualify for the PSLF include teachers and principals, doctors, social workers and mental health professionals.
- Provisions in the PROSPER Act also directly affect students by limiting the strength of the Clery Act. As written, the PROSPER Act does not require climate survey results be distributed to students, allows for sexual assault investigations to be delayed indefinitely, and does not require survivor counselors to report Clery data.

Eliminating these programs will hurt higher education by making undergraduate education more expensive and making graduate degrees unattainable for many. Elimination will also hurt people in our underserved and rural communities by limiting the number of professionals able to work in those communities.

I strongly urge **(member of Congress's name)** to vote against the Prosper Act.

Thank you for your time