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I am writing today to alert you to a serious financial threat to Lindenwood University students and all students who attend or plan to attend a private college in Missouri. Recently, Governor Jay Nixon announced that he intends to cut all Access Missouri, Bright Flight, and Marguerite Ross Barnett funding for students who attend private institutions. Governor Nixon's plan is inherently unfair. Please take action and voice your opinion to the Governor's office.

Several thousand Lindenwood students could be affected by this vicious cut over the next few years. Lindenwood students and their parents are Missouri taxpayers who have just as much right to receive support for an education as the students and families who choose to attend public institutions. These cuts could have damaging results on a student's ability to earn a degree and achieve his or her goal of becoming a productive taxpaying citizen.

State funding for students who attend public colleges rather than private institutions is already disproportionate. Right now, students who attend state schools receive approximately \$7,000 in the form of a direct state subsidy. Many receive an additional \$2,150 via Access Missouri; those students end up receiving approximately two-thirds more monetary support than their counterparts at private institutions. But the governor wants to give your entire personal state grant to the operating budgets of the public colleges and universities.

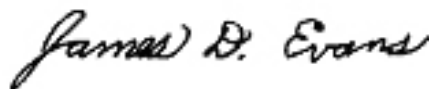
Denying financial aid to students with real financial need creates a two-class system in Missouri. Lindenwood students are not second-class citizens. Please contact the Governor today and let him know you do not want Missouri's budget balanced on your back. Here are the ways to contact Governor Nixon:

1. Call 573-751-3222
2. Go to <http://governor.mo.gov/contact/>. and fill out the contact form. If you do this on the web, please copy your response to the local media.
3. Via U.S. Mail: Office of Governor Jay Nixon, P.O. Box 720, Jefferson City, MO 65102

We also encourage you to contact your state senator and representative. Remind them that their vote on this issue may affect your vote at the ballot box! Remember, your taxes and those of your family pay for these grants. It's your money. Don't let the politicians give it to someone else.

Thank you for taking action in this critical matter.

Sincerely,



James D. Evans, Ph.D.



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