

CAN STUDENTS AFFORD ANOTHER TUITION INCREASE?

A LEADMN STUDENT SURVEY

On June 2, 2022 LeadMN sent a survey to all Minnesota State community and technical college students. Students were asked if they could afford a 3.5% tuition increase next fall. Over 1500 students participated in the survey and this is what we found:



50% of students reported that they less likely to come back if tuition goes up.

HERE IS WHAT STUDENTS SAID

“I am a single mother and a full-time nursing student. Due to the hefty course load of my program, I am not able to work very often during the school year. I work as many hours as I can during the summer and rely heavily on financial aid to bridge the gap during the school year. My budget is tight and even a small increase in tuition could be the difference between my son and I having a roof over our heads one month. Thankfully our situation is temporary until I graduate, but in the meantime finances can be incredibly stressful. I am constantly one catastrophe away from losing everything.”

-Paige, Century College

“There is no reason to increase tuition rates, especially with our economy right now, most students can barely pay what they have already. Colleges do not need to suck every last penny from students. With that increase are students going to see any improvements with the colleges? Probably not.”

-Blaise, Vermillion College

“Because a lot of students would like to go to college and build a better future for themselves and family but they can't if the college tuition just keeps increasing.”

-Hinda, St. Cloud Technical College

“As a veteran attending college currently towards a four-year degree, I oppose this increase. Although I personally am unaffected by the increase, I recognize the need to take a stance on this issue for the sake of my fellow students and countrymen. By asking individuals to pay more to an already inflated institution that is failing its community is simply shameful. College is famously out of reach to most of the population, to further that circumstance is nothing short of callous and incompetent.

If not for my GI bill benefits, that I earned, I would be living paycheck to paycheck and forgoing higher education. The price of living with the current economy in 2022 robs the average citizen of any opportunity other than to just brace for hardship and survive. So, this idea of "making up for lost profits sustained during a pandemic" is disgraceful. Shame on those who are in support of this increase, you do not represent the best interests of our communities or values of our country.

Again, by raising the cost of education the institution of higher learning is failing our communities and country as a whole. I oppose the tuition increase because it fails to accommodate and achieve the very purpose of colleges are conceived for, an educated and empowered citizenry. By placing the opportunity to better oneself further out of reach you are only bringing extreme alternatives for individuals across the board closer to reality. Find another way forward, one that doesn't put profit ahead of posterity.”

-Jamison, Hennepin Technical College



I oppose the increase

“Your professors don't even set up their D2L online platforms!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! I dropped two classes over the summer as a result of this and the fact they do whatever they want then get away with it! NO I will transfer before graduation if there is a”

ANONYMOUS, Anoka-Ramsey Community College

I oppose the increase

“You're already gouging us enough”

Dan, Century College

I oppose the increase

“You have a school like M-State for the people who can't afford to go to school or don't have the time to go to a University and now you are raising the tuition. That's not fair.”

Anna, Minnesota State Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

“you are a community collage that should be affordable for most to all people.”

Ryan, South Central College

I oppose the increase

“Working full time while going to school is a struggle as it is and this just puts more strain on myself and my family”

Nicholas, Minnesota State Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

“Working full time also well paying for my living situation nd vehicle and everything else on my own its already difficult to cover the cost of tuition on my own”

Lucas, Century College

I oppose the increase

“Working and paying for school is hard enough already, working as an EMT I have to work 36 hours per week and use my saved money to pay for school. Another increase just means even more hours of work, and this leads to less time to focus on school and stud”

Tyler, St. Cloud Technical & Community College



I oppose the increase

“Won’t be able to afford”

Elizabeth, Century College

I oppose the increase

“Without the help of financial aid I would not be able to continue to go to college even part time if the tuition increased. This past semester I had to pay out of pocket without financial aid and if the tuition was any higher I would not have been able to”

Cynthia, Rochester Community and Technical College

I oppose the increase

“With this Covid pandemic and the impact is still present after people were diagnosed with covid; some lost jobs, couldn’t afford their children, their college tuition, still unemployed and medical concerns after COVID. So, affording college increase tuition”

Bayan, North Hennepin Community College

I oppose the increase

“With the rise of inflation and gas prices, it’s going to be even more stressful for students to have to worry about an increase in tuition. Students are already struggling with tuition as is. Why increase it? What’s the gain in increase it? The education”

Jackie, Century College

I oppose the increase

“With the price of consumer products and gas reaching an all new high. The cost of education should not be a burden. Students are financially stretched to their limits now. How many go without a meal? How many take out student loans and can not repay them? I”

Jan, Ridgewater College

I oppose the increase

“With the increase in the cost of living it is not possible to be able to survive with the increasing cost of tuition”

Jennifer, Minnesota State Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

“with the increase along with cost of books (900.00) and the extra you need for some classes (stethoscope, scrubs, tablets) already these expenses are not getting covered with the FASA.”

Nicole, Minneapolis College



I oppose the increase

“With the economy in the current state it is, do you really think already broke college kids can afford an even more expensive college? No, probably not.”

Cj, Riverland Community College

I oppose the increase

“With rising cost of everything else, I feel a cut back for me would be taking less credits due to affordability of courses.”

Jaclyn, Anoka-Ramsey Community College

I oppose the increase

“With my school hours I cannot afford to work therefore I can hardly afford my tuition as it is.”

Kendra, Alexandria Technical & Community College

I oppose the increase

“With literally everything in the world being more and more expensive, another extra expense is not needed.”

Chris, Hennepin Technical College

I oppose the increase

“With inflation/the price of groceries increasing, we need as much help as we can get as we struggle to get by. This is going to make a huge difference for a lot of people who are seeking community college because we are not especially financially well-off”

Olwen, Minneapolis College

I oppose the increase

“With inflation, high gas prices, and a bad housing market as well as the cost of food increasing, an increase in tuition will be detrimental to many students.”

Hannah, Minnesota West Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

“With inflation rising so quickly, buying groceries and gas is getting expensive. Add rent on top of those expenses, we cannot afford a tuition increase. The U of M increased their tuition and their president gave herself a raise. I cannot trust institutio”

Baotien, Normandale Community College



I oppose the increase

“With inflation most students don’t get enough pay to be able to afford college, even with FASFA money.”

Bailey, Anoka-Ramsey Community College

I oppose the increase

“With inflation affecting everything else, how am I supposed to finish school so that I can have a good job to afford all this inflation...? It’s already difficult to be a college student and afford everything along with paying for school. How is anyone supp”

Brittany, Century College

I oppose the increase

“With increased inflation people and the already absurd cost of collage, we cannot afford another increase.”

David, Inver Hills Community College

I oppose the increase

“with how high everything else is going up I can not afford it”

Shuana, Anoka-Ramsey Community College

I oppose the increase

“with how expensive books and computers are as well as materials for each class I think the price is already enough especially for families just trying to give their children an education and trying to obtain a good degree for myself, I find it very hard t”

Malerie, St. Cloud Technical & Community College

I oppose the increase

“With gas prices and inflation, raising tuition will do no benefit for students. Especially for those that will drive to campus everyday. School is expensive already, having tuition be higher will cause students to not continue their education.”

Kashia, Anoka-Ramsey Community College

I oppose the increase

“With current tuition, my mortgage, and vehicle payment (not to mention the high gas prices), I do not feel an increase in tuition is timely. Why should current students be expected to cover the cost of decreased enrollment? There must be other solutions.”

Darcy, Rochester Community and Technical College



I oppose the increase

“With covid-19 just passed, it is still hard for me and my friends (scholars) to be able to pay for the tuition. Especially for international students who are paying out of pocket.”

Rahma, Saint Paul College

I oppose the increase

“With all that is happening in the world, this is giving the 19 century vibes. Nothing is getting better.”

Stephanie, Century College

I oppose the increase

“With a loss of childcare aid, an additional tuition increase makes college almost impossible to afford.”

Rebecca, Anoka-Ramsey Community College

I oppose the increase

“why would you make college less affordable? unless FAFSA aid is also increasing then college tuition should not be increasing. Our generation can barely afford to rent a place to live let alone OWN a home. rent itself is also increasing, most places requi”

Alexandra, Rochester Community and Technical College

I oppose the increase

“Why would increase the cost of tuition when the cost of gas is nearly 5.00 a gallon. And the cost of food is skyrocketing. But I guess you equally oppressing everyone so I guess it’s ok.”

Jake, Saint Paul College

I oppose the increase

“Why would an increase be supported in a time of such high inflation? Working part time I couldn't afford to live alone or not have assistance while going through school. If the administration believes students want an increase you're clearly delusional an”

Jordan, Saint Paul College

I oppose the increase

“Why the hell would I support it, I can hardly afford this shit now.”

John, South Central College



I oppose the increase

“Why should we have to pay for a education when the jobs without a college degree only pay minimum wage? And minimum wage is not livable on.”

Cara, Rochester Community and Technical College

I oppose the increase

“why should people pay for something everyone should need, it will help every human not just one if they made tuition free for all”

Summer, Rochester Community and Technical College

I oppose the increase

“Why should I be paying more for college when we have left over money from student senate and are spending money on stupid stuff. I had to pay \$40 out of my own pocket to stay enrolled into a class i had to pay for in the beginning.”

Brock, Minnesota West Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

“Why charge students more when we most likely don’t have the time to work more to cover the cost? On top of that, many students go to a tech college because it’s cheaper so upping the rates would make it even harder for those students to afford it. For me,”

Kaitlyn, Minnesota State College Southeast

I oppose the increase

“Why are we increasing the tuition? I don't see any logical reasoning on why.....”

mittchell, Anoka-Ramsey Community College

I oppose the increase

“Why am I paying more for schools that have been all online for the majority of 2 years? They also continue to transition to more online class options now that we are able to go back to school. With the increase in food and gas prices, school is becoming l”

Andrew, Anoka Technical College

I oppose the increase

“Who made this decision? Have they lost their mind? College should be free as it is, I'm working full time to pay off my tuition.”

Maya, Normandale Community College



I oppose the increase

“While I understand that because of inflation the cost of teachers salaries, utilities and many other things has risen there might be to increase tuition. This does not change the fact that as an individual attending Century College I will be able to afford”

Samantha, Century College

I oppose the increase

“While I understand costs may be going up, and I support the full and fair payment of professors and instructors, keeping tuition affordable and accessible to all is very important.”

Ben, Northwest Technical College

I oppose the increase

“while everybody wage is different as it is, some students do not work while in college and others work part/full time. during the difficult times like the pandemic everybody struggled differently and could barley be getting back on there feet this fall 20”

Claudia, South Central College

I oppose the increase

“While college tuition may increase, many student salaries have not, mine included. I am making the same amount per hour at my job as last year and an increase in tuition will increase the difficulty of completing a college program for many students.”

Esther, Rochester Community and Technical College

I oppose the increase

“While being a freshman college student, I took on a full time course load and worked 30 hours a week to pay expenses. I reached a point of burnout and had to make the decision to take a break from college and quit my job. I lost motivation to figure out w”

Anika, Normandale Community College

I oppose the increase

“What would we as students be gaining from the increase? It's our hard-earned money that we are trying to invest in our future, and if we are not going to gain anything from paying more per credit, why would I want to?”

Natalie, Century College

I oppose the increase

“What college student can afford tuition increase? We are already in debt. Raising tuition makes college less accessible for lower income students/families.”

Lindsey, North Hennepin Community College



I oppose the increase

“Were students who are just trying to further our education while maintaining a full time job. That's hard enough, having to pay for more school doesn't make sense”

Ambria, Normandale Community College

I support the increase

“Well, you voted in communist politicians that ruined the economy for a quick buck, now everything costs more, surprise, surprise! You reap what you sow, maybe you should reconsider that way you vote?”

Corbin, St. Cloud Technical & Community College

I oppose the increase

“Well, I don't really have much money to pay. It's not gonna affect me that much in a community college but if I decide to transfer to a university it will very much affect whether I want to transfer or not.”

Jesse, Normandale Community College

I oppose the increase

“We're literally being robbed at this point. It feels like all you guys care about is keeping poor people poor.”

Alex, Rochester Community and Technical College

I oppose the increase

“We the people cannot afford it, we are already struggling to pay regular bills that have been increased”

Lisa, Anoka-Ramsey Community College

I oppose the increase

“we need to think about people who don't have the money to pay for tuition”

Erick, Century College

I oppose the increase

“We haven't even recovered from the covid crisis and so this is gonna be a big blow in our faces as students. I urge whoever is concerned to be a bit considerate of students welfare fast.”

James, Minneapolis College



I oppose the increase

“We have to deal with enough increases as it is, we should be able go to school and not worry about tuition increase. Its already expensive to go to college and now we have to deal with this on top of taking care of home and kids... this is ridiculous!”

Brown, Minnesota State Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

“We have a budget surplus. Why on earth aren't we helping the students afford college instead of almost any other way of using the money?”

Noelle, Normandale Community College

I oppose the increase

“We don't need more student debt.

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Jaden, Ridgewater College

I oppose the increase

“We cannot afford it to study our class.”

Usman, Saint Paul College

I oppose the increase

“We can't afford it. Especially with everything increasing and income still the same.”

Jayleen, North Hennepin Community College

I oppose the increase

“We can NOT afford a tuition increase! Gas is almost \$5 a gallon, food has went up over 200% in the last year and we are seeing no wage increase because of this. If you decided to increase the cost of tuition again, students will more than likely turn away”

Laura, Ridgewater College

I oppose the increase

“we calculate and plan out our finances based on how much my tuition will be the next semester. We're aware everything is inflating but most people in the main college age range 18-20s can barely afford gas or a place to live. We're here to try and educate”

Anna, Dakota County Technical College



I oppose the increase

“We are paying more for class that some of the teachers don’t actually teach you at all. We are basically teaching ourselves.”

Corrina, North Hennepin Community College

I oppose the increase

“We are in covid 19 era and already the economy is getting to the edge. We are student and some of us are not working, increasing the tuition can impact our live tremendously.”

Fadila, Minnesota State College Southeast

I oppose the increase

“We are college students and we dont have that much money”

Kayla, Vermillion College

I oppose the increase

“We already spend way too much for tuition. And a lot of us only have one job and are working part time at minimum wages.”

Kiara, Normandale Community College

I oppose the increase

“We already pay WAY too much for tuition. It’s ridiculous to think that college age students can afford any type of increase in this day and age.”

Julie, Lake Superior College

I oppose the increase

“We already pay thousands of dollars for classes and books each year. We have to be there full-time to complete our programs, Pay for lunches, gas to get there, and still try to work and support our families. We have enough “on our plates”. Raising tuition”

Jeanna, Hibbing Community College

I oppose the increase

“We already pay so much for our education and we have has major increases since I began college in 2019”

Hannah, Minnesota State Community & Technical College



I oppose the increase

“We already pay enough to receive our college degrees (which is just a piece of paper that gets us a better job). Many people can find jobs, but are those jobs able to support the funding, work hours, time off, etc that college students need? Not always, s”

Sophi, Rochester Community and Technical College

I oppose the increase

“We already pay enough as it is for tuition, including extra mandatory hidden and "necessary" costs, which we get no say in. It is hard enough to save up money as it is, JUST being in school as a full-time student. Does this mean that I will have to take o”

LEE, Century College

I oppose the increase

“We already pay enough”

Britany, Anoka-Ramsey Community College

I oppose the increase

“We already pay a lot, especially those of us in a specialized major, such as nursing. Most students in a community college already live pay check to pay check and even 150 dollars can make the difference between food and rent or college.”

Alyssa, Inver Hills Community College

I oppose the increase

“We already pay a lot for school, so why the sudden increase for tuition.”

Maddie, Alexandria Technical & Community College

I oppose the increase

“Wanting more knowledge and advance in life shouldn't cost extra when we want our future better than it is”

Racheal, Minnesota State Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

“Wages have been stagnant for the past 40+ years, but the cost of everything keeps going up. How can someone making \$7 an hour afford to pay for college? Take out a loan? What if you don't have good credit and are unable to get a loan? Student loans are cr”

Frances, St. Cloud Technical & Community College



I oppose the increase

“Unreasonable to increase tuition costs at a community college.”

Devin, St. Cloud Technical & Community College

I support the increase

“Unfortunately, we have to be okay with tuition increases because of inflation. Once our government stops spending money it doesn't have, then we can possibly have deflation in our prices”

Samuel, St. Cloud Technical & Community College

I oppose the increase

“Un-Affordable college is one of the main reasons that colleges have seen a decline in participants. The more they increase the price, each year they will see fewer and fewer students. The college should stop trying to pad their own pockets and focus on be”

Rob, Century College

I oppose the increase

“Unable to support young children and increasing tuition while working full-time and increase in mortgage/property taxes/rent.”

Wendy, Minnesota State Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

“Tuition is already expensive for me and i cannot afford more”

Nimco, Minneapolis College

I oppose the increase

“Tuition should not increase for the sake of the student's education. These students are trying their best to increase their education and increasing the price will only make it harder for the students to achieve their academic goals. With the increase it”

Ariel, Minneapolis College

I oppose the increase

“Tuition should not be increasing concerning the costs of attendance and classes already in place.”

Cal, Century College



I oppose the increase

“Tuition prices have gone up far too much over time, yet most college student either make minimum wage or are out of work due to their studies. Not everyone has a parent to help them with money, and even going to a community college can make someone go bro”

Autumn, Rochester Community and Technical College

I oppose the increase

“Tuition keeps increasing while wages are stagnant. Tuition increases are more harmful to future students because the cost keeps moving further and further out of reach.”

Bailey, Minneapolis College

I oppose the increase

“Tuition is too much already. With inflation it is hard to live as it is.”

BETH, Central Lakes College

I oppose the increase

“Tuition is too expensive as it is. College in general should be federally funded like Primary Education in the first place and not require tuition at all.”

John, Hennepin Technical College

I oppose the increase

“Tuition is insane as it is. It doesn't need to be increased. I have to work nights at a warehouse to afford previous rates and don't think I can afford new ones. No student or alumni that I know is okay with the increase.”

Ethan, Anoka-Ramsey Community College

I oppose the increase

“Tuition is increasing far faster than anything else in this country and is putting current and potential new students at risk of not being able to afford to get an education. Tuition increases are outrageous and need to cease. Education SHOULD NOT as high”

Jennifer, Minnesota State Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

“Tuition is high enough already.”

zane.stranger@gmail.com, Normandale Community College



I oppose the increase

“Tuition is high and community college should be the accessible option, and it is sad every time it has to increase furthering accessibility”

Jami, Normandale Community College

I oppose the increase

“Tuition is hard enough to pay for already and with an increase some might not be able to pay for it at all.”

Heidi, Ridgewater College

I oppose the increase

“Tuition is expensive enough, and with increasing prices in every single thing in the world, we can’t even afford a meal, how does the state suppose we can afford to pay more for education before we can get paid to work?”

Hailey, South Central College

I oppose the increase

“Tuition is expensive as it is. Increasing it will only close the door to those who are taking out student loans as it is. We need to keep college affordable”

Afron, Normandale Community College

I oppose the increase

“Tuition is expensive as is, and working while attending school is only an option for a few people. In order to do good in classes, some people may need all the time they can get to study. But if you factor in everything except college, people have to pay”

Reina, Rochester Community and Technical College

I oppose the increase

“Tuition is expensive as is and college debt is a difficult struggle for students already.”

Maxwell, Ridgewater College

I oppose the increase

“Tuition is expensive already. I have no choice but to pay for school out of pocket and am already struggling to pay my tuition. I am trying to better my life and future by going to school and am having a very hard time affording it already.”

Kailey, Minnesota State Community & Technical College



I oppose the increase

“Tuition is costly enough, pushing students over the edge will less likely have them return.”

Christopher, North Hennepin Community College

I oppose the increase

“Tuition is already unaffordable for most people. Do you really want to contribute even more to >\$1.6 trillion in student debt? If y'all need more money, petition the government like near every other country in the industrialized world.”

Marshall, Century College

I oppose the increase

“Tuition is already too much for us.”

Annie, Anoka-Ramsey Community College

I oppose the increase

“Tuition is already too much especially at universities”

Nick, Central Lakes College

I oppose the increase

“Tuition is already too high and inflation is not livable”

berlin, Normandale Community College

I oppose the increase

“Tuition is already super high, even in the most affordable colleges. If we keep increasing it then we won't be able to provide the education many need to pursue their careers. It is vital that we provide the education to those who need it, or else we can”

Alec, Century College

I oppose the increase

“Tuition is already so expensive and covid has made it hard to not only attend school but to afford school. An increase would only drive students away.”

Madeline, Inver Hills Community College



I oppose the increase

“Tuition is already ridiculously expensive. It’s important to keep an open mind that some individuals struggle to make their home expenses and school expenses on time. Raising the tuition may add stress on those individuals. You never know how much of a di”

Steven, Saint Paul College

I oppose the increase

“Tuition is already insanely expensive, those who are not born into wealthy families are usually unable to go to college. To raise tuition would guarantee that more people cannot go to college.”

Bailey, Rochester Community and Technical College

I oppose the increase

“Tuition is already incredibly expensive, MCTC degrees are always a semester or two longer than advertised, and the quality of education received is already incredibly poor. I don’t see how the current tuition is justified let alone an increase”

Robert, Minnesota State Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

“Tuition is already incredibly expensive when compared to the worth of a dollar from even 39 years ago. Tuition is getting climbing way faster than pay rates are, and a grand majority of people cannot afford it.”

Jack, Minnesota West Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

“Tuition is already high!”

Alissa, Saint Paul College

I oppose the increase

“Tuition is already high enough.”

Laura, Riverland Community College

I oppose the increase

“Tuition is already high enough as it is most people can’t even pay off their student loans after obtaining a degree”

Cheri, Northland Community & Technical College



I oppose the increase

“Tuition is already extremely high and causing me to have a lot of debt and also pay out of pocket still.”
Claire, Minnesota State Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

“Tuition is already extremely expensive and unrealistic for most low and middle class students.”
Zoey, St. Cloud Technical & Community College

I oppose the increase

“Tuition is already expensive. It shouldn't cost so much to learn and improve one's life.”
Tim, Inver Hills Community College

I oppose the increase

“Tuition is already expensive enough. Not everyone qualifies for low interest or government loans are paying out of pocket each semester. Inflation is already hard enough.”
Jordan, Minnesota State Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

“tuition is already expensive as it is.”
Zachary, Inver Hills Community College

I oppose the increase

“Tuition is already expensive and increasing it would be very hard financially on a lot of students, including myself”
Anna, Anoka-Ramsey Community College

I oppose the increase

“Tuition is already enough, teachers aren't even really teaching their classes since everything is on zoom because of COVID so what is the reason for an increase?”
Maleigha, Normandale Community College



I oppose the increase

“Tuition is already at an all time high. On top of daily living expenses that have gone up as well, a lot of students are discouraged to further their education because of this. It doesn’t matter how “little” the increments are. Every dollar saved could go”

Shi, Hennepin Technical College

I oppose the increase

“Tuition is already a stressor for many students. Personally I based my college options based on how expensive the college was. It is already hard to figure out how I am going to afford college let alone if the cost increased.”

Katrin, Alexandria Technical & Community College

I oppose the increase

“Tuition is a struggle as is and an increase would make it more difficult to continue to go to college without going into debt.”

Megan, St. Cloud Technical & Community College

I oppose the increase

“Tuition and college expenses are already difficult to balance with my salary and other living expenses. Increasing tuition will make it difficult for me to continue obtaining my degree and may result in my withdrawal for this institution.”

Amanda, Minnesota State Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

“Tuition already high enough”

Zuhayr, Normandale Community College

I oppose the increase

“Tuition alone is already out of reach for many students, especially those non-traditional students who are not eligible for grants or scholarships. An increase in tuition will only make it more challenging for those students to complete a degree or course”

Katie, South Central College

I oppose the increase

“Tuition has been increased twice in a short time frame. Let's make tuition affordable for everyone. The middle class seem to get the brunt of the increases as they do not qualify for help as they make too



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much money and they work hard to be able to afford”
ronnette, Minnesota State Community & Technical College



I oppose the increase

“Too expensive”

Brittany, North Hennepin Community College

I oppose the increase

“To the Board of Trustees:

The cost of living is sky rocketing. Even while living at home with my parents, working 30+ hours a week, I can still barely afford to pay for gas, clothing and car repairs, much less food or saving for the future.

It's disgusti”

Jarred, Dakota County Technical College

I oppose the increase

“To someone on the board, \$150 doesn't seem like much money, but to those of us who are poor, an extra \$150 is a make or break situation. I, personally, would be hard pressed to come up with that.

People choose to attend community colleges rather than four”

Chelsea, Mesabi Range College

I oppose the increase

“To deliberately make education less accessible is an act of violence. An Intellectual, mental, emotional, and cultural act of violence. This is how you respond to intergenerational needs? No, this is how you respond to institutional needs that nourish the”

John, Minneapolis College

I oppose the increase

“To avoid having a lot of debt.”

Pauline, Central Lakes College

I oppose the increase

“Times are hard enough for people & most people in school aren't working full time & need all the money they have to live while being a student. Not to mention a large portion of students are parents taking care of dependents as well. We are trying to be”

Michelle, Rochester Community and Technical College

I support the increase

“times are hard and school is ridiculously expensive.”

Pa, Minnesota State Community & Technical College



I oppose the increase

“Though I am not personally affected by the increase due to being a PSEO student, I understand how difficult it is to afford tuition along with everyday expenses. Along with gas prices rising and general food cost rising because of inflation. The student n”

Christina, Hibbing Community College

I oppose the increase

“this wont affect me personally because i am fortunate enough to have my schooling payed for by my employer, i still do not agree with the rise of tuition cost, that seems like the easy way out that would negatively effect students, if you want people to e”

mittchell, Ridgewater College

I oppose the increase

“This will most likely put a burden on students such as myself.”

Ian, Riverland Community College

I oppose the increase

“This will mean that some students will be paying out of pocket and financial aid won’t be enough to cover”

Luis, North Hennepin Community College

I oppose the increase

“This survey feels incredibly offensive to me and purely performative. Why would you think that there is even the possibility that students would WANT a tuition increase??? Completely absurd. Are you truly, truly telling me that if enough students say we d”

Virginia, Saint Paul College

I oppose the increase

“This is the time we’re not talking about these things we can’t afford rent and you guys thinking these kind of things when we graduate it’s not guarantee we getting a job”

Abdirizak, Century College

I oppose the increase

“This is the third increase in a short amount of time. A lot of classes have an online component, or are fully online. To pay more for ONLINE MODULES is just insane.”

Alex, Century College



I oppose the increase

“This is the last thing that should be brought to attention regarding making up for loss revenue for the state of Minnesota. The state of Minnesota are making up for lost time through excessively increasing prices for the most marginalized communities.”

Julio, Normandale Community College

I oppose the increase

“This is just another way to ensure that only some people have access to higher education. Community College is one of the few entities out there that provides affordable training for careers and futures that might otherwise not be available. Our country h”

Sara, Century College

I oppose the increase

“this is dumb because kids already struggle paying the tuition”

Owen, Alexandria Technical & Community College

I oppose the increase

“This is community college a lot of students cannot afford this.”

Ari, Minnesota State Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

“This is a university for individuals who have a lot of things going on at home and can not afford or go to a "Traditional" university. Keep the tuition costs low, what other amenities does Metro have that requires more tuition anyway?”

Mitchell, Century College

I oppose the increase

“This increase will put us students ability to pay for tuition in doubt. This will more than likely increase the amount of dropouts a well as lower enrollment in colleges. This increase will shatter the heart of a lot of students who have been struggling t”

Ayan, Normandale Community College

I oppose the increase

“This increase is like paying for a credit that you cannot transfer or use. While the schools continue to collect thousands of dollars from each student and most like receive federal/state funds along with it. Also if they are allowed to increase the price”

Faith, Normandale Community College



I oppose the increase

“This increase is going to make it harder for me and my family to be able to pay for my college. We are already having a hard time and this will only make it worst”

Lucia, Minnesota West Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

“Things are only getting harder each day. By increasing tuition, you are taking away the opportunity for those that are already struggling, to be able to do better. an increase in tuition means more money going into schooling that so many people are ahead”

Jada, North Hennepin Community College

I oppose the increase

“Things are becoming harder and increasing the tuition fee will definitely not help students like me. I struggle to pay my tuition fee since the Covid started.”

Kadija, North Hennepin Community College

I oppose the increase

“They shouldn’t increase the tuition just because of enrollment not keeping up.”

Tashi, Anoka-Ramsey Community College

I oppose the increase

“There's going to be lots of drop out.I myself will not register this semester cause am still struggling with bills here and there.”

Lydia, Minnesota State Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

“There's already a strain on people due to inflation and rising gas prices, another tuition increase only makes things harder for everyone. If this continues then it becomes well and truly unsustainable for the regular people.”

Matthew, Anoka Technical College

I oppose the increase

“There's a reason we go to community college, it's because it costs less than the other extremley expensive schools. Without a reasonable tuition it becomes even more difficult for lower income students, or students living on their own to pay for college.”

Mikayla, Rochester Community and Technical College



I oppose the increase

“There isn't many scholarship opportunities for those taking general classes or going part-time, so I already have to work extra at my job to help pay for tuition. If tuition continues to increase, I'll have to work more hours, and this makes it difficult”

Ani, Anoka-Ramsey Community College

I oppose the increase

“There is no reason to increase tuition when it's expensive already”

Taylor, Century College

I oppose the increase

“There is no reason to increase tuition rates especially with our economy right now, most students can barely pay what they have already. Colleges do not need to suck every last penny from students. With that increase are students going to see any improvem”

Blaise, Vermillion College

I oppose the increase

“There is no reason to increase tuition at this time. Wages are staying the same, inflation is causing prices to rise everywhere. Tuition is a place we ABSOLUTELY DO NOT need to rise in cost.”

Colby, Inver Hills Community College

I oppose the increase

“There is no reason for it”

Tia, Alexandria Technical & Community College

I oppose the increase

“There is no reason for an increase in price. The quality of the education is not increasing with the price, and colleges already make a majorly inflated amount of money compared to wages today.”

Sam, Vermillion College

I oppose the increase

“There has been an economic increase in the world in the past few years since COVID-19 started and an even higher increase in the past year or so with the war going on. People, especially college kids are “poor” or struggling financially as is without the”

Sarae, Normandale Community College



I oppose the increase

“There are six people in my family, including two kids. The only income is from my husband. My household income just \$61000 before the tax. I may not be able to pay more tuition fee.”

Hongchao, Rochester Community and Technical College

I oppose the increase

“There are no real benefits to students of increasing tuition at this time. It is already difficult for most students to afford college and an increase would further exacerbate this issue.”

Jonathon, Normandale Community College

I oppose the increase

“The whole point of this school is to be affordable education. \$150 more is a bigger deal than people think especially for people like me that are only able to work part time.”

Kallie, Century College

I oppose the increase

“The US economy is currently stuck in inflation, impacting low income earners budget and staring at an avoidable recession.”

Varney, Century College

I oppose the increase

“The tuition right now is high for me actually, and I do not know if my family can afford for me to study if the tuition is higher.”

Katy, North Hennepin Community College

I oppose the increase

“The tuition is high enough. How can you ask for an increase with a Pandemic going on and we are also on the verge of a recession. I pay my own way for my college. I'm not getting any help from grants either.”

Susan, Anoka-Ramsey Community College

I oppose the increase

“The tuition is high enough already. It will be harder for my family to handle increased tuition. I have two kids and additional expenses will impact my family's financial situation.”

Olga, Alexandria Technical & Community College



I oppose the increase

“The tuition is already so high why do they need to increase it even more. Also this being our 3rd increase in less then 2 years is to much”

Lyle, St. Cloud Technical & Community College

I oppose the increase

“The tuition is already high enough as it is, to where I can’t afford to go to this school.”

Gianna, Anoka-Ramsey Community College

I oppose the increase

“The tuition increase would be extremely hard for me under my current family circumstances but also for most students due to the rise in gas prices, rent increases and food costs. Many students including myself have a hard time making ends meet and I belie”

Michelle, Minnesota State Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

“The tuition increase will affect my staying in the classroom and my goal to achieve my program.”

Ablavi, Hennepin Technical College

I oppose the increase

“the students do not deserve this type of treatment. tuition should not be increased every year for the exact same education.”

Arwah, Hennepin Technical College

I oppose the increase

“The school is too expensive as it is. The classes are not worth the money.”

N/a, Minnesota State Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

“The reason why I oppose the increase it’s because my family income is low. I work part time while I’m at school to support my family and myself. I pay half of the house rent, pay my car insurance, groceries, and other things I need in order to stay stable”

Abshiro, Saint Paul College



I oppose the increase

“The reason we chose community college is because we can not afford private schools and to also ease financial burdens on student.

If this increase continue, soon we won't be able to afford college anymore.”

Linda, Minnesota State Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

“The reason I choose the technical college over going to university was the low cost due to my current situation. I am a student with no support from family, financially or emotionally. Because of this I struggle to afford the credit load I take now and will”

Sarah, St. Cloud Technical & Community College

I oppose the increase

“The quality of education and services offered do not increase with tuition. We get charged a parking fee for online classes!!”

Patricia, Hennepin Technical College

I oppose the increase

“The program I am in makes working full-time impossible. Having to pay more for college on a part time salary is taking away money for prescriptions, groceries, and other essentials.”

Nicole, Dakota County Technical College

I support the increase

“The prices aren't that bad; we should be able to afford our education.”

Evelia, Inver Hills Community College

I oppose the increase

“The price of life is going up as a student I feel like I won't be able to afford this new tuition bill.”

Sam, Hennepin Technical College

I oppose the increase

“the point of community and state colleges are to be affordable for everyone”

Erin, Saint Paul College



I oppose the increase

“The pay is not increasing so where do they expect us to get this money from? Instead of making it easier for us to attend school they make it difficult this is honestly so annoying”

Reta, St. Cloud Technical & Community College

I oppose the increase

“The more you increase the tuition, the more students will not go to college. Think about the students other than your greed for once.”

Cassie, Central Lakes College

I oppose the increase

“The job I have gotten due to schooling hardly gives me enough to pay rent and my loans at the same time. If it raises there's no reason to go to college. We will be poor whether we go or not.”

Garrett, Anoka-Ramsey Community College

I oppose the increase

“The increase really stands in the way of entering college in which it makes it hard to reach.”

Ahmed, Rochester Community and Technical College

I oppose the increase

“The increase in tuition will limit how fast the college is able to fill in demand jobs. It also limits education to those that are fortunate enough to have the socioeconomic means to afford it.”

Erick, Anoka Technical College

I oppose the increase

“The greatest investment towards the future is education. By giving out education cheaply and/or freely we ensure that future students may not only have the opportunity to learn and grow but will increase the number of people getting a higher education, th”

Givon, Normandale Community College

I oppose the increase

“The financial strain on students in this country is already enough. Look for money if different places or take it from the leaders of the school system who should be able to take the financial hit.”

Dylan, Rochester Community and Technical College



I oppose the increase

“The fact that you have to ask is ridiculous. People are struggling. Get a clue”

Michael, Minnesota West Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

“The enrollment of college (especially community or technical college) has already dropped since the pandemic. Things are more challenging now, especially post-quarantine. Its tougher to find employment that is reliable enough to withstand bills and rent,”

Elle, North Hennepin Community College

I oppose the increase

“The education we receive is not becoming more valuable, thus the tuition should not be raised. I don’t know a single person in their right mind that would support this. At what point does the madness stop? I will not be able to buy a home for YEARS after”

James, Normandale Community College

I oppose the increase

“The economy right now makes it difficult for me to support a tuition increase.”

Logan, Minnesota State College Southeast

I oppose the increase

“The Economy is taking tall of me so any increase will make drop out or continue later with studies.”

Donald, North Hennepin Community College

I oppose the increase

“The cost of tuition is outrageous. Most of us would like to pay out of pocket, not be forced use student loans. The cost per credit is as much as a state college in CA. MN is doing all students a disservice with these unaffordable school costs.”

Vanessa, Rochester Community and Technical College

I oppose the increase

“The cost of living right now is unsupportable with going to school and living on your own. 90% of students don’t rely on there parents for help with college tuition. Coming from a first generation student who can’t afford working less than 100 hours every”

Lucy, Rochester Community and Technical College



I oppose the increase

“The cost of living is already way too high and now with gas prices on top of that, we don't need another increase. I chose a community college because it would be more affordable, but if it were to increase it would really make me think if its worth it to”

Brenda, Normandale Community College

I oppose the increase

“The cost of living is already high. To obtain a good paying job and not be riddled with debt from obtaining the degrees needed the increase would hurt current students and future students. That is why there is an enrollment decline.”

Marissa, Rochester Community and Technical College

I oppose the increase

“The cost of living is already hard with basics increasing and pulling on my limited finances. Housing always seems to rise, groceries are more expensive, and current debt is crippling.”

Clarity, Saint Paul College

I oppose the increase

“The cost of living is already hard enough for my generation. We've been making almost the same amount of money that we did in 2009 while everything else has continued to get increasingly more expensive in the past 13 years. I'm currently working three dif”

Jayme, Alexandria Technical & Community College

I oppose the increase

“The cost of living has increased exponentially, students at community college are not students living at home with mom and dad. We are single parents, living on our own, trying to make ends meet. Raising tuition costs would lead to college being the first”

Milissa, St. Cloud Technical & Community College

I oppose the increase

“The cost of living has had a significant increase, however, my income has not. I just can't afford the additional expense at this time.”

Rhonda, Century College

I oppose the increase

“The cost of inflation is hurting everyone right now. Our leaders need to be supporting the next wave of students and future employees instead of being a contributor towards the increasing number of people facing homelessness.”

Aimee, Anoka Technical College



I oppose the increase

“The cost of higher ed is already wildly inflated - with the cost of living going up I am going to be thinking about choosing between basic day to day options and school. Why is the Board focused on putting the brunt on students instead of effectively advo”

Catherine, Normandale Community College

I oppose the increase

“The cost of education is already high”

Sharay, Minneapolis College

I oppose the increase

“The cost of college is already hard for me to afford, if it keeps going up, I don't know if I'll be able to continue my education.”

Sadie, Century College

I oppose the increase

“The cost of college is already pretty high. My price of gas has doubled for the week. Foods getting expensive. It would be nice if school care more about how the students would get there and how they would feed them shelves. My monthly bills went 300 dol”

Joe, Normandale Community College

I oppose the increase

“The cost is high enough as it is. An increase would discourage more people from enrolling.”

Patrick, Anoka Technical College

I oppose the increase

“The chancellor has received almost a 64% increase in wages since he started in 2018, placing him at 501k come August first. I'm sure others in higher up positions have received exorbitant amounts as well. If education is their main priority I would think”

Michael, Normandale Community College

I oppose the increase

“The board sounds like some of the most tone deaf, money hungry people ive ever known. Most dont want to go to college its so expensive. The books can be found for free online but with the mandated need to pay for them from the college makes it absolutely”

Isaac, Ridgewater College



I oppose the increase

“That's a lot of money, and starting to get in the range where i would have considered not attending if it was this much to start out with.”

Michael, Saint Paul College

I oppose the increase

“Technical colleges are supposed to be a more affordable option to the traditional 4 year university. At least for me, it is financially straining enough with the cost of everything else increasing it will be hard to afford basic living because food, rent,”

Katie, St. Cloud Technical & Community College

I oppose the increase

“Technical and community colleges are located and available to more rural and low income communities..or at least they have been in the past. At this rate of increasing tuition, it would be no different than paying to attend a state university. We cannot a”

Natily, Riverland Community College

I don't care

“Students in today's society don't want to pay for the education once they have graduated with their degree's stating that they can't afford it, so an increase really won't matter. New students or should I say, parents, will pay the tuition in the beginni”

Richard, Northland Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

“Students have enough debt to deal with already, do you really have to increase the tuition?”

Moumin, North Hennepin Community College

I oppose the increase

“Students go to Community college to save money and figure out what they want to do as a major. Increasing tuition will make it harder on some students that can't afford university tuitions.”

Uzair, Anoka-Ramsey Community College

I oppose the increase

“Students don't need to be paying more for there education. It's expensive as it is and in order for students to want to be educated and do the things they love, tuition should not be increased. Not everyone's parents pay for their education.”

taylor, Rochester Community and Technical College



I oppose the increase

“Students currently in college were almost certainly in a period of transition only a few years ago when the COVID pandemic hit; as such, there is still widespread economic instability. Increasing costs will disincentivize students from continuing education”

Seamus, Inver Hills Community College

I oppose the increase

“Students cannot afford how wildly expensive tuition is currently, especially not if it were increased. Anyone saying that students support tuition increase has their head up their ass.”

Emily, Minnesota State College Southeast

I oppose the increase

“Students are stressed and struggling to pay our way through school now more than ever with the rising costs of gas, food and everything in between. Also most of us attend community college due to the fact that we don't have the money to attend a state or p”

Cassandra, South Central College

I oppose the increase

“Students are already struggling to pay for tuition, plus rent/food money. In order to do well in school we can't work as much which adds to the stress and difficulty of affording to live.”

Rachel, Anoka-Ramsey Community College

I oppose the increase

“Students are already placing themselves in tremendous debt, they can't afford more student debt. This is apparent as shown in student loan forgiveness trials and the country's current state in inflation.”

Molly, Ridgewater College

I oppose the increase

“Student loans are crippling investments to many students and they are not loans that can be defaulted on. They are rarely forgiven, and only done so when under very specific circumstances. Even if a student can't afford the payments, they are still stuck”

Joshua, North Hennepin Community College

I oppose the increase

“Stop being fucking greedy. Less people enrolled in college during covid because many people struggled financially. Raising tuition will only make things harder, just so you can save profits”

Donovan, Central Lakes College



I oppose the increase

“Speaking as someone who is currently paying for school out of pocket, a tuition increase would be a huge setback. If there was already a problem with enrollment rates because of the cost of tuition, why would a solution be to continue to raise tuition rat”

Megan, Century College

I don't care

“Sounds like a bunch of bullshit to me, maybe if we could get someone to run the world we wouldn't be in this spot. By the way I am not going to call you he or him.”

Jacob, Riverland Community College

I support the increase

“Someone people needs it more than I do.”

Jassy, Inver Hills Community College

I oppose the increase

“Some students are barely hanging on by trying to pay off their tuition and if increased it will be worse for them”

Danna, North Hennepin Community College

I oppose the increase

“Some people come from families that can't afford it and those who can't afford it have to work through college to try and pay for college at the same time”

Rose, Alexandria Technical & Community College

I oppose the increase

“Some people are working 2 jobs just to make a living and every cent added ways down on them.

College is very expensive as it is already, I don't think tuition should be raised.”

Kyndra, Minnesota State Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

“Some of us have to work in order to pay our tuition. Being a full time student and an employee at the same time can be really challenging.”

Sabina, North Hennepin Community College



I oppose the increase

“Some of us don't even qualify for any financial aid because of our PARENTS income, when our parents provide little to no help with college, and we don't qualify for financial aid it is very hard to get the money necessary to pay for college. Especially if”

Kianna, St. Cloud Technical & Community College

I oppose the increase

“Some careers are very expensive and plus the materials. Now they want to increase the tuition more ? I oppose the tuition. What's the point of increasing the tuition while alot of college students will drop off or started to graduated fast or not go to c”

Niko, Century College

I support the increase

“So we can afford college”

Leah, North Hennepin Community College

I oppose the increase

“So many people are struggling financially right now. I work full time to support my family and take classes full time so I can obtain a better job and future. I already find it hard to pay my tuition, as many have.”

Anonymous, Saint Paul College

I oppose the increase

“Single mom right now theres inflation to food, electricity and everything adds up at the end”

Anastasiya, Minnesota State Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

“single mom of 2, hard to afford”

Rachel, Minnesota State Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

“Since you are a tech school just think of the students that drive 30 mins- 2 hours daily just to get to school. Most students can barely get by with the gas prices or apartment rent. Do you really think an increase in the cost of tuition is a good idea... i”

Kylee, Ridgewater College



I oppose the increase

“Since majority of classes are now asynchronous or hybrid classes, I don't think a tuition increase is justified. From my experience in online classes, specifically asynchronous classes, the student is really just teaching themselves and the professor is of”

Megan, North Hennepin Community College

I oppose the increase

“Schooling is already impossible to pay cash for these days and we have FA and that is just raking up more and more debt. Being a single person, trying to work, go to school and pay my bills is a lot. I understand that everything is going up but I've only”

Brittani, Anoka-Ramsey Community College

I oppose the increase

“School tuition is already extremely high and no student can pay that without a full time job or help from others.”

Sydney, Rochester Community and Technical College

I oppose the increase

“School should be free you ignorant fucks”

Paige, Rochester Community and Technical College

I oppose the increase

“School is over priced as it is.”

Gabby, St. Cloud Technical & Community College

I oppose the increase

“School is expensive enough as it is and many students are struggling enough to pay their rent and bills

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Abby, North Hennepin Community College

I oppose the increase

“School is expensive enough and we're still kicked off campus. Can we even come back? What a joke to be kicked off still.”

Jamie, Inver Hills Community College



I oppose the increase

“School is already expensive as it is. On top of rising gas prices, food, rent, etc. It definitely adds up.”
Eryn, Alexandria Technical & Community College

I oppose the increase

“School is already expensive and it is quickly putting education out of reach for many”
Saundra, Inver Hills Community College

I oppose the increase

“School is already egregiously expensive.”
Ryan, Northland Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

“School fees are already high and wages haven't gone up enough for students to afford to pay for their education.”
Mohamed, Normandale Community College

I oppose the increase

“Rent price is increased, gas is increased, groceries price is increased. We can't afford everything increasing. At least community collage cost shouldn't be increasing.”
Bilisuma, Saint Paul College

I oppose the increase

“Raising tuition makes it more difficult for students to pay for college, which makes it more difficult for students to complete their college degree.”
Kyle, Rochester Community and Technical College

I oppose the increase

“Raising tuition as we are in a pandemic AND a recession? Evil and greedy.”
Nicole, Minnesota State Community & Technical College



I oppose the increase

“Raising the cost of tuition will certainly make up for lost revenue but ultimately fails to address the reason at the core of why students are dropping out or even foregoing higher education altogether.

With cost of living drastically raising over the las”

Michael, Anoka-Ramsey Community College

I oppose the increase

“Raising the cost of tuition is going to add more weight on the shoulders of struggling, middle to low-income students who are already paying for other factors such as rent, bills, and taking care of their children. Many of the individuals who attend these”

Jesus, Minneapolis College

I oppose the increase

“Raising children that are in daycare (which is very expensive), so I can continue education puts a financial damper in my educational goals.”

Julie, North Hennepin Community College

I oppose the increase

“Prices of everything keeps going up but not salaries this makes it hard to afford things”

Carlos, Inver Hills Community College

I oppose the increase

“Prices of everything gone up since I started college, barely made it last year.”

Austin, Minnesota West Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

“Prices every where are increasing. I can't pay more”

Leigha, Minnesota State Community & Technical College

I support the increase

“Prices aren't that bad”

Evelia, Inver Hills Community College



I oppose the increase

“Prices are already high for everything, including college, this increase will not help students. It will just put them more in debt.”

Linnette, Saint Paul College

I oppose the increase

“Price gouging tuition for the small percentage of students who can even continue to go to college in this economy is unethical when we are still on the tail end of a pandemic, there are basic needs in homes of students being unmet like food and appropriat”

Alia, Anoka Technical College

I oppose the increase

“Price gouging people is unethical in my opinion. Students on average are set up with more debt that can ruin them financially after graduation. Constant increases are just gojng to keep people in poverty”

Daryl, Normandale Community College

I oppose the increase

“Personally I pay for my own college without the monetary support of my family and when you are working a close to minimum wage job \$150 can seem like a lot”

Kaylee, Century College

I don't care

“Personally I am a Senior Citizen and audit classes so my tuition is cheaper.

I usually buy seeds to make up my tuition difference as I am a Hennepin Technical College Greenhouse, Horticulture, Landscape and Urban Forestry Programs student. This program is”

Janice, Hennepin Technical College

I oppose the increase

“People with low income or no income cannot afford that increase. 150\$ could've gone towards food, utilities, gas, daycare, etc.. College is already over expensive as it is.”

Alayna, Riverland Community College

I oppose the increase

“People go to a community and technical college usually because it is the cheaper option. You guys try to make up lost money by increasing tuition? More people drop out. It will be a constant circle of events that will never stop.”

Brianna, Rochester Community and Technical College



I oppose the increase

“People can’t afford working and going college”

Katy, Normandale Community College

I oppose the increase

“People can barely afford to live nowadays, now you want to increase tuition? FUCK YOU GUYS!!!!!!
Anyways, when you continue to increase tuition prices the fewer student you will get to attend your university as they cannot afford to go nor want to spend”

Candace, Riverland Community College

I oppose the increase

“People can barely afford to eat or drive anymore inflation is causing a financial crisis for many of us. There isn’t much left for tuition after all these other expenses.”

Candice, Century College

I oppose the increase

“People are living paycheck to paycheck and are struggling as it is already in this country. We do not need this.”

Mya, Rochester Community and Technical College

I oppose the increase

“People are having a hard time affording it to begin with, raising it would only steer more people away from wanting to enroll back in school or return for the next semester. Loans and grants aren’t always guaranteed which the payment responsibility falls”

Angela, Normandale Community College

I oppose the increase

“People are already struggling with the tuition now. They would then have to do more of what they’re already doing just to get by.”

Montrevion, Minneapolis College

I oppose the increase

“Paying tuition is already an immense stressor in life. One of the biggest benefits for community and technical colleges is lower tuition costs than most major universities. Constantly raising tuition prices counteracts that point, as well as makes it so I”

Nathaniel, Minneapolis College



I oppose the increase

“Paying out of pocket for college”

Ebony, North Hennepin Community College

I oppose the increase

“Paying for college is already extremely difficult, and most people carry their debt for life. this increase is ridiculous.”

William, Central Lakes College

I oppose the increase

“pay rates are stagnant while prices are increasing”

Hassan, Fond du Lac Tribal & Community College

I oppose the increase

“parents/Me cant afford an increase on tuition since we have to pay rent and food”

Alex, Century College

I oppose the increase

“out of pocket costs for school, gas increase”

Angela, Minnesota State Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

“Our tuition shouldn't go up. We didn't cause the inflation, we aren't the corrupt politicians letting this price gouging happen. We are students trying to learn and we shouldnt have to dedicate more time working and less time studying when we are trying t”

Thomas, North Hennepin Community College

I oppose the increase

“Our country is in so much strain, many countries have free higher education. Our tuition is very high, which makes it impossible for many to attend college. The option for student loans, t put students in debt. These students will start out with bad credi”

Deborah, North Hennepin Community College



I oppose the increase

“Oppose I’m a student and I can not afford costs as is”

Danielle, Central Lakes College

I oppose the increase

“Oppose due to the fact I wouldn’t be able to afford it”

Maria, Hennepin Technical College

I oppose the increase

“Oppose because I am already paying \$4,000 for an online summer course.”

Charlie, Ridgewater College

I oppose the increase

“One of the biggest reasons I chose a community college is because of the affordability. I love school and want to complete a degree, but finances are a huge factor for me in deciding to continue my education, so an increase could lead to me being unable to”

Aleah, Normandale Community College

I oppose the increase

“Of course I oppose this increase. Why would I, as a student, want to pay more money? Money is already tight as it is, and an increase in payment will not help my fellow students further achieve their goals. I would infer the college would lose a great”

Mason, Anoka Technical College

I oppose the increase

“Nursing school is a full time commitment that makes me unable to work. My husband is currently supporting me, but as school gets more expensive it takes a toll on our finances. Our economy has already cause a rise in the price of food, gas, and other esse”

Megan, Anoka-Ramsey Community College

I oppose the increase

“Now more than ever we need people in schools. How is it going to benefit our society as a whole to increase the difficulty of attending college? This will only increase the division of social class in a time where we desperately need to move forward toget”

Mac, Century College



I oppose the increase

“Not only are school prices increasing so is everything else yet I still get paid the same, being I am working an internship I can't choose my pay and I am lucky to even be getting paid.”

Riley, Vermillion College

I oppose the increase

“Not needed what so ever with a state that has a massive profit.”

Nick, Inver Hills Community College

I oppose the increase

“Not many people, weather student or parent, can afford tuition as it is, an increase will make that even worse. Higher tuition means less people who can get an education for their chosen career path, that is NOT fair!!”

Paulina, Minnesota State Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

“Not everyone can afford this... they barely can afford regular prices. Ridiculous.”

Karolyn, Normandale Community College

I oppose the increase

“Not enough money”

Emily, Hibbing Community College

I oppose the increase

“not affordable”

FIREW, Dakota County Technical College

I oppose the increase

“Not a good idea to put students in more financial stress”

James, Hennepin Technical College



I oppose the increase

“Nobody has money for school, with everything that is going on.”

Diana, St. Cloud Technical & Community College

I oppose the increase

“Nobody can afford tuition right now as is, increasing it will lead to less people wanting or being able to receive a college education”

Makenzie, Saint Paul College

I oppose the increase

“No. I do not support it”

Lual, North Hennepin Community College

I oppose the increase

“No reason for students to be paying more, especially for those that drive to school every week and the increase in gas prices”

Boone, Riverland Community College

I oppose the increase

“No one can afford it”

Darya, Normandale Community College

I oppose the increase

“No one can afford an increase. Its really infuriating that i want to get a degree and have to spend thousands to get there. The government does NOT get to decide whether i can afford tuition or not. I am barely making ends meet and with this bump up in tu”

Cassandra, Century College

I oppose the increase

“No need”

N/A, Anoka-Ramsey Community College



I oppose the increase

“No money”

Kristi, Vermillion College

I oppose the increase

“no i can not afford”

Xier, Anoka-Ramsey Community College

I oppose the increase

“Myself and many others I know are working to pay off tuition as best we can. I just had to get a second job to afford school, working 40hrs a week and doing a full course load is not ideal but I’m doing it. More increases just make school less accessible”

Denesha, Minnesota West Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

“My wages have not increased yet all others expenses have.”

Patty, Anoka-Ramsey Community College

I oppose the increase

“My salary is not increasing, and I pay tuition with my own money. I feel I am getting poorer when everything keeps increasing.”

Linda, Saint Paul College

I oppose the increase

“My financial situation will be strained with any further tuition increase.”

Christian, Minnesota State Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

“My financial aid funds have run out and I will have to take out a loan. The lower the tuition, the less I have to worry about borrowing/paying back.”

Audrey, Minnesota State Community & Technical College



I oppose the increase

“My education shouldn’t put my financial situation at risk.”

Cassandra, North Hennepin Community College

I oppose the increase

“Most students who enter college are already un-prepared financially to handle college. To increase tuition is simply making it more difficult on students to be able to pay for college and giving them more debt they do not need. Increasing a student's tuit”

M, Rochester Community and Technical College

I oppose the increase

“Most students who attend college are in the lines of poverty or low income. We barely get by paying what tuition and books are now a days. Do not forget that gas prices for all types of transportations are increasing quickly by the minute as well. We cann”

Arianna, Saint Paul College

I oppose the increase

“Most students like myself can not afford thee cause of school right now, and part-time Jobs are not Stable. What will happen to us this time if the The government increased Tuition.”

Erine, Century College

I oppose the increase

“Most students dream of going to a 4 year, but often times cant afford it. With it being they get a little help from parents or they have to pay it by themselves. If students have to pay with their own money and no help from parents they will most likely”

Macy, Ridgewater College

I oppose the increase

“Most student barely make a living wage already. If they were to increase tuition many student including myself would not be able to continue our education. Maybe if we got better minimum wage and affordable housing but not right now.”

Shabrea, Saint Paul College

I oppose the increase

“Most people who attend college take out loans or pay out of pocket for school. As the country who already pays some of the most expensive tuition rates, I don’t see the need to increase tuition. I would



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venture to say that the majority of college studen”
Collin, Hennepin Technical College



I oppose the increase

“Most people don’t have the money to pay for tuition as it is, and increasing it will make people struggle more. Increasing tuition might also make some people feel like they can’t go to college as they don’t have enough money.”

Halle, Northland Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

“Most people cannot afford college as it is, the price of everything is going up yet we are not making anymore money.”

Sophia, Saint Paul College

I oppose the increase

“Most of us who are working towards a college degree aren’t even being paid a living wage. How could we afford more if we can barely afford life right now as it is. It will work to lower the quality of life of college students who aren’t so fortunate. Lots”

Paola, Century College

I oppose the increase

“most American are either middle or lower class and any tuition increase negatively impact their financial stability.”

ABDULLAHI, Minnesota State Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

“more money to spend and could end up in debt once college is done.”

alison, Anoka-Ramsey Community College

I oppose the increase

“Money shouldn't cause people to get an education. It's already a lot especially with additional costs of books and supplies.”

Jillane, Anoka-Ramsey Community College

I oppose the increase

“Money issues”

Grace, Minneapolis College



I oppose the increase

“Money is tight I’m a young mom of two kids”

Taylor, Alexandria Technical & Community College

I oppose the increase

“Money is tight for college students like myself as is already, I think that increasing the cost of college would prove to not be beneficial for the college.”

Caleb, Century College

I oppose the increase

“money is already tight. the funds also come out mostly at once and I personally can not afford it”

Michael, North Hennepin Community College

I oppose the increase

“money”

Nathan, Normandale Community College

I oppose the increase

“Minnesota State colleges and Universities have been, for decades, an affordable way for Minnesotans to get an education and the skills they need to prosper. Most students enrolled earn less than the median Minnesotan and are far more vulnerable to the ram”

Zayid, North Hennepin Community College

I oppose the increase

“Minimum wage is at an all-time low where prices are at an all-time high. Rent is crazy expensive.

Having to get a car (mine just got totaled and it wasn't my fault) is already difficult-the market is crazy and even with that point are expensive to buy, ke”

Aidyn, Normandale Community College

I oppose the increase

“Might be difficult for some of us”

Hana, North Hennepin Community College



I oppose the increase

“Me (21) and my Girlfriend (20) are currently struggling to get by living in a 1 bed bedroom apartment. We have been completely independent for about a year now receiving 0 help financially from either of our parents trying to get by on my accounting inter”

Evan, North Hennepin Community College

I support the increase

“Material costs have gone up and salaries/wages need to go up in a lot of cases. If an increase in tuition means that no jobs are lost and no programs are cut I'll support it.”

Matthew, Minnesota State Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

“Many things are increasing while pay is not increasing. It is hard for people to be paying large amount of money. The increase in tuition is absolutely ridiculous and unnecessary. Many people come to community to save money but over time it is gonna becom”

Jamia, North Hennepin Community College

I oppose the increase

“Many students don't have enough money to pay for tuition or even attend college. To increase it, makes it even harder for us to get a good education. The dropout rate will increase if this happens.”

Malik, North Hennepin Community College

I oppose the increase

“Many students currently have a hard time paying for college whether it is community college or otherwise. By increasing tuition it could decrease the amount of students applying to college and staying in college due to the increase in tuition.”

Lauren, Normandale Community College

I oppose the increase

“Many students are working full time hours to make ends meet, including myself. I oppose because college is already expensive as it is.”

Dynasty, Century College

I oppose the increase

“Many student seek education at community and technical colleges due to their cheeper price. With this increase students such as myself will have a difficult time finding the money, and may lead to more



dropouts.”
Lauren, Century College

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I oppose the increase

“Many people struggle to pay for college as it is, loans are a huge component in people's ability to finish their degrees. Raising tuition equates to a lot of stress for people who are just trying to finish thier degrees.”

I, Normandale Community College

I oppose the increase

“Many people cannot pay the tuition like myself.”

Muachi, Century College

I oppose the increase

“Many of the students who attend community college come from low income families or don't have enough money. Many of us don't have the resources or support to have a good job or scholarships to pay lots of money for college.”

Margarita, Saint Paul College

I oppose the increase

“Many of my classmates are parents or of low income. They cannot afford that extra \$500.

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Vasty, North Hennepin Community College

I oppose the increase

“Making payments would become even more difficult to make then they are now. College tuition is really expensive and I like many others fear the ever increasing price of tuition.”

Henry, Inver Hills Community College

I oppose the increase

“Making education more expensive adds additional financial stress to an already untenable situation. Housing costs increased, gas prices skyrocketed, food costs increased. \$185 may mean two weeks of food, a necessary textbook, an electric bill, or it may”

Darlene, Rochester Community and Technical College

I oppose the increase

“Makes education less accessable”

Paetyn, Rochester Community and Technical College



I oppose the increase

“Living expenses has skyrocket coupled with inflation, we can't even afford a decent living and wage is stagnant.”

Abimbola, Anoka-Ramsey Community College

I oppose the increase

“Live is expensive if you make school expensive who do you think will go”

Said, Saint Paul College

I oppose the increase

“Life is hard enough already, why make it even more impossible for those who are trying to improve their futures??”

Kaitlyn, South Central College

I oppose the increase

“Life is getting so expensive for everyone around the world. So, increasing the tuition fees is going to make things worse for us students who are hustling to get a good education in order to have a better life.

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sadock, Saint Paul College

I oppose the increase

“Life is already hard enough for some to make a living and to get a degree. Increasing the cost WILL make it worse for a lot of people since they either don't make enough, has a family to support, needs to pay bills, and perhaps financial aid doesn't cover”

NA, Saint Paul College

I oppose the increase

“Life has been hard enough over the past few years, why punish the students trying to better their future”

D'Zondria, Saint Paul College

I oppose the increase

“Let me get this straight, you're encountering record low enrollment, the number of kids going to college is declining across the country, and your brilliant idea is to increase tuition? Good luck.”

Tyler, Mesabi Range College



I oppose the increase

“Let me begin by stating that I am a first-generation Latina. According to Lean In, a women’s right organization, a Latina makes 57 cents for every dollar that a white man makes. Couple this with hiring discrimination and one can start to get an idea of wh”

Fernanda, Normandale Community College

I oppose the increase

“Just makes school more expensive. There becomes a point where education is no longer feasible. I’m an older student. The increased costs may cause me not to pursue this degree. I will be studying nursing which is already understaffed.”

Kirsten, Alexandria Technical & Community College

I oppose the increase

“it’s not purely just tuition that is increasing around us this increase could be the straw that broke the back of the camel and would probably be for me.”

Anthony, Anoka-Ramsey Community College

I oppose the increase

“its more than we should have to pay.”

Andrea, Central Lakes College

I oppose the increase

“It’s more money just to do another year of education”

Andy, Minneapolis College

I oppose the increase

“It’s makes it harder for some students to afford

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Hamdi, Minneapolis College

I oppose the increase

“Its just more money in the long run with the increase”

Coy, Anoka-Ramsey Community College



I oppose the increase

"it's hard to have an opinion, as a student I don't see where my tuition fully goes to. if it all goes to the program I am enrolled into its ok, but otherwise increasing tuition makes me feel like you are trying to just take more money from me because what"

Gavin, Saint Paul College

I oppose the increase

"It's hard enough for us who don't have a lot of money to pay for college. With the increase, it makes it even harder and seems to deter us away because of it. I can't afford anymore of this increase. Everyone is getting greedy and expects us all to take o"

Morgan, Normandale Community College

I support the increase

"It's hard enough covering my bills with the increase in cost. Now school to? When I am just trying to further my education to make a livable wage. I 100% disagree with the increase."

Alexa, North Hennepin Community College

I oppose the increase

"It's greedy"

Stephanie, Normandale Community College

I oppose the increase

"It's expensive already for students."

Andrea, Minneapolis College

I oppose the increase

"It's enough already everywhere. Groceries, rent, gas and other essentials are already going up and making it hard enough. An increase is not only unfair but in bad taste. 3rd raise in 18 months is plenty."

Ethan, Riverland Community College

I oppose the increase

"Its difficult enough for me to pay rent, utilities, food, insurance, and gas while paying for tuition in this economy. Increasing the tuition could possibly lead me to determining what bills I could go without so I could afford tuition."

Adrian, Normandale Community College



I oppose the increase

"It's already more than my local community college which offers similar programs. Everything has gone up - my electric company just upped their rates 20%. Gas, food, and insurance but not my income. I think that schools should "grandfather" the tuition r"

Gail, Northwest Technical College

I oppose the increase

"It's already hard to pay in general, for those who don't live under the same roof as their parents."

Souryeeta, Century College

I oppose the increase

"It's already hard to meet the the basic needs of my family as a mother complicated by the hard economic time we're now in. Adding tuition is like breaking a camel's back. I'm simply staggering under the the heavy weight on my shoulders. The thought of the"

Lydia, Anoka-Ramsey Community College

I oppose the increase

"It's already a struggle for medium to low income families to send their children to college, let alone for a young adult to pay for themselves. An increase in tuition will only serve to make it more difficult for young people to get the education they need"

Marissa, Hennepin Technical College

I oppose the increase

"its already a struggle financially and everything is getting to expensive"

Ashley, Minneapolis College

I oppose the increase

"It's a disgrace. Obviously, it's more about the money than the student itself. The money games are hitting the roof. This country is falling. It is Crumbling down in clear view right in our eyes and I had enough of it. I must be paying to graduate. It wou"

Lanessa, Minnesota State Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

"It's outrageous how high tuition is"

Brittani, Anoka-Ramsey Community College



I oppose the increase

“It’s not ok to burden those who desire to get educated to help the community”
Somon, Anoka-Ramsey Community College

I oppose the increase

“It’s not a good idea to increase people are already struggling without the increase in tuition. it will make it more difficult for those who can’t afford tuition & only have fasfa.”
Tavarionna, Saint Paul College

I oppose the increase

“It’s making it harder, school is already expensive as is. Increasing doesn’t make people want to continue their education.”
Angie, Century College

I oppose the increase

“It’s has an effect on students wanting to continue their education”
Ciera, Normandale Community College

I oppose the increase

“It’s hard to focus on college when you’re struggling financially. Student loans can only get one so far, and those have to be paid back.”
Danielle, Dakota County Technical College

I oppose the increase

“It’s hard enough for college students to sometimes get by. I do get a lot of help for my schooling but some college students don’t!”
Carly, Century College

I oppose the increase

“It’s hard enough during the Covid-19, The gas prices are rising. The food shelves are becoming more expensive. I believe the prices should stay where it’s at until the economy recovers.”
Kenzie, North Hennepin Community College



I oppose the increase

“It’s hard enough applying to grants/scholarships, either being rejected or receiving money from grants and scholarships aside from my work income and paying off my tuition with what i have.”

Shihouahnia, Minnesota State Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

“It’s hard enough already to afford to get a degree in America.”

Isabella, St. Cloud Technical & Community College

I oppose the increase

“It’s going to make college impossible to attend, and I am a first year student meaning this fall will be my first semester as a freshman. I don’t know if I will be able to attend all 4 years with the increase.”

Natalie, Minnesota State College Southeast

I oppose the increase

“It’s gets harder financially. I pay out of pocket to go college. I want to graduate but if it gets too expensive I will have no option but to drop out if I can’t afford it.”

Gabriela, North Hennepin Community College

I oppose the increase

“It’s expensive enough already to go to school. A lot of people don’t go to school because of the costs and not being able to afford it. You’re making getting an education harder, and more stressful. Also putting a lot of people in debt”

Kylor, South Central College

I oppose the increase

“It’s been tough. I had to drop my class last semester because of financial issues. And now tuition has increase again, how will me and other reach their goal.”

Vang, North Hennepin Community College

I oppose the increase

“It’s already hard for me to keep up, my immigration status does not permit me state or federal support. Another increase may mean me dropping out”

Wisdom, Minneapolis College



I oppose the increase

“It’s already hard enough to pay for college as it is. Increasing the wages isn’t fair to most college students who can barely afford college currently”

Angie, St. Cloud Technical & Community College

I oppose the increase

“It’s already hard enough to afford why increase it”

Kristina, St. Cloud Technical & Community College

I oppose the increase

“It’s already expensive enough and for what I’m majoring in it’s not even worth going for my degree just to be making as little as I’d actually be spending.”

Jhiezer, Normandale Community College

I oppose the increase

“It’s already expensive”

Joe, Alexandria Technical & Community College

I oppose the increase

“It’s already difficult to achieve goals with the last increase this one will surely have some students dropping out due to affordability.”

Toni, Saint Paul College

I oppose the increase

“It would practically screw every working class student that is in college. Especially with the rate of INFLATION. Not including that Rent is continuing to increase, same with the housing market. It will probably force many students who are working 40+ hou”

Quintan, North Hennepin Community College

I oppose the increase

“It would make it more and more difficult for some of us to afford our tuition. This would cause more and more people to rule out the possibility of ever attending college.”

Mariam, Anoka-Ramsey Community College



I oppose the increase

“It would likely increase dropout rates in colleges.”

Jerry, Ridgewater College

I oppose the increase

“It would increase the financial burden of attending college.”

Marshall, Saint Paul College

I oppose the increase

“It would be harder for me to afford college and even worse for students already considering dropping out due to tuition costs.”

Alphonse, North Hennepin Community College

I oppose the increase

“It would be hard to afford it.”

Brooklyn, St. Cloud Technical & Community College

I oppose the increase

“It will put further financial strain on myself and others that are already barely getting by.”

Emmie, Minnesota West Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

“It will put additional financial strain on many students, and it would be the third tuition increase in 18 months.”

Carter, Saint Paul College

I oppose the increase

“It will make it more difficult to afford college. I would have to work more hours to be able to pay for my tuition. If I work more hours, the time used for studying will be compromised.”

Cassidy, Century College



I oppose the increase

“It will make it harder to continue my classes because of the bills I pay for utilities and rent along with my books that I need for classes”

Ifrah, Century College

I oppose the increase

“It will make it hard to afford classes for me and many other students. Doing this will make the student debt crisis worse.”

Nate, Anoka-Ramsey Community College

I oppose the increase

“It will make it a lot harder to pay for tuition and supplies for school. You will lose students because we are going to a lower tuition college because that’s all we can afford. Raise it up and you’ll lose people.”

Emily, Saint Paul College

I oppose the increase

“It will make getting my degree that much more difficult and my current employer may not give me a cost of living wage increase. I was able to save some money and pay off whatever I would owe over the weeks in-between semesters before all of this inflation”

Daniel, Rochester Community and Technical College

I oppose the increase

“It will make degrees unattainable for people from lower socioeconomic demographics.”

Lillian, Normandale Community College

I oppose the increase

“It will make college unachievable for those and I if the cost goes up. The cost of everything is going up BUT wages. I started school to get a better paying job. The tuition was within my payable ability and that's why I went back to school.”

Dakota, Dakota County Technical College

I oppose the increase

“It will financially impact me as I work part time to try and pay off my current school loans or bills that weren’t covered by financial aid/student loans. I decided to go to a community college for the lower cost of tuition instead of a 4-year university”

Emily, Anoka-Ramsey Community College



I oppose the increase

“It will be impossible for many people to get educated, and good jobs, require education”

Arlanda, Fond du Lac Tribal & Community College

I oppose the increase

“It will be harder for me and other students to be able to afford college.”

Jannet, Riverland Community College

I oppose the increase

“It will be hard for me to pay the tuition and it would more likely be taking loans which I don’t want to and I really want to graduate from college.”

Hibo, Hennepin Technical College

I oppose the increase

“It will be difficult for me because I will be in third semester(nursing program), and I can not work much. beside that the gas and the other fees increase that will make all the students who are already hungry will more be hungry. Because we tried to sav”

Thao, Rochester Community and Technical College

I oppose the increase

“It will be a burden for those who already have trouble affording tuition.”

Allison, Century College

I oppose the increase

“It might not seem like much money, but I don’t have an extra \$150 to spare, especially with increased food and gas prices”

Johanna, Normandale Community College

I support the increase

“It means better education, and better supplies”

Brendon, Alexandria Technical & Community College



I oppose the increase

“It makes unaffordable

”

Dolapo, Century College

I oppose the increase

“It makes the ability to learn and work towards your education more difficult.”

Jessica, Inver Hills Community College

I oppose the increase

“It makes my original plans to pay for college changed without my consent, and can be challenging for myself and others with the increase, with our work schedule already planned out, and so much money going for textbooks as well”

Augustus, Century College

I oppose the increase

“It makes my ability to attend school full time less accesible. I would have to take less classes in order to pay my tuition.”

Kaylin, Normandale Community College

I oppose the increase

“It makes me anxious and unsure about my future in college”

Zakariya, Rochester Community and Technical College

I oppose the increase

“It makes life as a student harder, money that was allocated towards rent or bills now is also lost to tuition cost, which is outrageously expensive to start with.”

Ahmed, Rochester Community and Technical College

I oppose the increase

“It makes it harder for me to attend school. I already struggle trying to pay what I have now. With the increase it'll make it borderline impossible to continue with class at my college.”

Jaylen, Rochester Community and Technical College



I oppose the increase

“It makes college even less available for people.”

Danika, Rochester Community and Technical College

I oppose the increase

“It isn’t affordable.”

Cara, Minnesota State Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

“It is unfair to keep raising prices for education when that increase isn't forced to increase in our Pell Grants, Scholarships, and work pay. How are we expected to keep up with rising costs of school, rent, food, and basic amenities, when we aren't getting”

Andy, Minnesota State Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

“It is understood that pandemic and the Ukraine war has caused inflation that affects the nations, schools and all, globally; yet mankind now understands the implications of an ignorant/uneducated society alias nation. Many like myself may have to drop...”

James, Century College

I oppose the increase

“It is unbelievable that students and people looking for an education are barely cutting it for college already and having an increase is just going to cause a hardship on people. I have barely been able to afford going to school and having a job. It is ve”

Priscila, Riverland Community College

I oppose the increase

“It is too much to afford for .someone like me who attend schools while working .”

Dagnachew, Inver Hills Community College

I oppose the increase

“It is not something I can easily afford.”

Sabrina, Inver Hills Community College



I oppose the increase

"It is not affordable for many students. I know some people who want to go back to college but they are not going back because they can not pay/afford college fee."

Rashmi, Rochester Community and Technical College

I oppose the increase

"It is important that education remains affordable. If enrollment is down, raising tuition will only lower enrollment further. Raising tuition will begin a death spiral for the education system that is already grossly overpriced.

Enrollment down > Tuitio"

Weston, Rochester Community and Technical College

I oppose the increase

"It is hard to work and be in school at the same time. In order to pay for this increase, I will need to spend more hours in the office and less on schoolwork."

Mya, North Hennepin Community College

I oppose the increase

"It is hard to afford to pay for college"

Ismail, North Hennepin Community College

I oppose the increase

"It is hard for students to afford tuition right now, let alone with a significant increase."

Juliana, Rochester Community and Technical College

I oppose the increase

"It is hard enough going to school to get an education with the cost it already is. As a full time student, I cannot work a full time job and any increase in school cost creates less money that I can live off of during the college semesters."

Cienna, Northwest Technical College

I oppose the increase

"It is hard enough already to work enough to pay rent and go to school fulltime."

Bri, Rochester Community and Technical College



I oppose the increase

“It is going to be an extra burden for low income parents or for students who are responsible for themselves, in as much as life is never going to be easier to live anymore, but there should also be a place for HOPE , where life itself will not give up it”

Amara, Minnesota State Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

“It is for the future success and preservation of critical thinking of a country that students in any schooling be provided the best means possible to learn. The more costly education is the less people will attend and finish it. This leads to underdevelop”

Lydia, Dakota County Technical College

I oppose the increase

“It is far from been in my interest.”

Fitzgerald, Hennepin Technical College

I oppose the increase

“It is expensive enough already, making it increasingly difficult for people to come back if the tuition is increased.”

Samantha, Century College

I oppose the increase

“It is difficult for me to afford tuition already, prior to the increase.”

Madison, Anoka-Ramsey Community College

I oppose the increase

“It is already very hard with gas prices going up. Now it will be even harder to pay tuition. My plan was to continue my education after my generals. However, I think that after after this fall I will have to take another break from school.”

Guadalupe, Riverland Community College

I oppose the increase

“It is already quite difficult to be able to pay for tuition and basic student needs as it is. Many students are not able to afford tuition now days without the help of student loans, and even then, it can be quite a financial struggle to make ends meet. A”

Brooke, Hibbing Community College



I oppose the increase

“It is already hard working full time jobs and being full time students to make ends meet. it is not fair, it’s cruel to us student who are just trying to get an education to better our lives”

Samira, Saint Paul College

I oppose the increase

“It is already hard enough trying to work and pay for school. Taking on an extra job or more hours to pay for school is going to be even harder.”

Melissa, Anoka Technical College

I oppose the increase

“It is already hard enough living in this economy. The way I see it, is that it’s essential for people like myself to go to college & secure a good paying job in order to just breathe. Not everyone was blessed with a good financial upbringing. The majority”

Angela, Normandale Community College

I oppose the increase

“It is already difficult to pay for college. I don’t want to graduate with more debt than I already have. If enrollment is down as a result of the pandemic, focus on how to boost enrollment rather than forcing the rest of us to foot the bill.”

Emily, Rochester Community and Technical College

I oppose the increase

“It is already a lot of money to go to college and it’s gonna make people not wanna go further their education, also everything else is increasing in price so people will choose necessities instead of education.”

Kaitlyn, Alexandria Technical & Community College

I oppose the increase

“It imposes an extra burden on students who are already dealing with an increasingly uncertain future in this country.”

Dez, Saint Paul College

I oppose the increase

“It has increased so much that now it is becoming unaffordable. I am registered for 2 classes for summer and my tuition is over \$2k right now. I can't afford to pay more to continue in the fall. Why punish the



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students who continue to pay tuition and furth”
Rebecca, Anoka-Ramsey Community College



I oppose the increase

“It hard to get the money to pay for credits without increasing. Now, it will impossible to pay with increasing because our salary still same without increasing”

Fakhri, St. Cloud Technical & Community College

I oppose the increase

“It had caused significant as financial stress.”

Ainsley, Minnesota West Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

“It could be hard on some of the the students keep going to the college because they can’t paying for tuition.”

Martha, Century College

I oppose the increase

“It costs too much and community colleges should be free for people under a certain tax bracket”

Honora, Normandale Community College

I oppose the increase

“It cost to much already.

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William, Riverland Community College

I oppose the increase

“It already costs too much!”

Martin, South Central College

I oppose the increase

“It already costs too much”

Anonymous, Riverland Community College



I oppose the increase

“It already costs plenty enough, plus with the current climbing gas prices and ever increasing cost of living it is getting more and more expensive to commute to and attend college”

Jacob, Ridgewater College

I oppose the increase

“It”

Mariah, Northwest Technical College

I oppose the increase

“Is going to be tough for some students to pay for school”

Bangalee, Rochester Community and Technical College

I oppose the increase

“Inflation, gas prices, etc is already too much, increasing tuition is increasing the amount school debt I will be in after graduation, which is devastating.”

Sarah, Minnesota State Community & Technical College

I support the increase

“Inflation, everything cost more and schools need to make up for that as well”

Dalton, Alexandria Technical & Community College

I oppose the increase

“Inflation may be going up everywhere, but pay is going up nowhere. Stop making education only available to the upper class”

Heather, North Hennepin Community College

I oppose the increase

“Inflation is through the roof right now!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Dont increase college costs!!! We need people to attend community college right now!!!!!!”

Alex, Rochester Community and Technical College



I don't care

"inflation is over 10%. Everything from wages to materials is up. Sure tuition is more, but you can also work at McDonalds for a minimum of 19 bucks an hour."

Anonymous?, Ridgewater College

I oppose the increase

"Inflation is making it hard enough for your average 18 year old to just survive, now that college prices are up, many won't be able to attend, won't even have the chance to do so or can't because surviving is all that they can do."

John, Normandale Community College

I oppose the increase

"Inflation is making funds really tight, and would make college a struggle."

Cody, St. Cloud Technical & Community College

I oppose the increase

"Inflation is insane and as students were already working as much as possible to afford life let alone our education."

Bree, St. Cloud Technical & Community College

I support the increase

"Inflation is everywhere. We can't expect tuition to stay the same. If you want an education it's your responsibility to pay for it."

Hannah, Rochester Community and Technical College

I support the increase

"Inflation is causing things to increase"

Mitchel, Alexandria Technical & Community College

I oppose the increase

"Inflation is at 8%. My raise was only 2%. I have to quit working to finish my degree. The math doesn't allow for living let alone a tuition increase. The increase only adds to the stress of how do I pull this off. It will not leave a favorable opinion wit"

Anne, Pine Technical and Community College



I oppose the increase

“Inflation is already insane. This will hurt on top of that.”

Ma, Normandale Community College

I oppose the increase

“Inflation increase does not guarantee a job pay increase which won't help cover tuition increase.”

Sandy, Century College

I oppose the increase

“Inflation in other areas wouldn't help.”

Jessica, Normandale Community College

I oppose the increase

“Inflation has gone up 16% and wages have not”

Joshua, Normandale Community College

I oppose the increase

“Inflation has already increased stress related to finances. The last thing we need as ANOTHER financial barrier when we are already trying so hard to become successful.”

Gema, Anoka-Ramsey Community College

I oppose the increase

“Incredibly expensive tuition costs are a major reason young people are not enrolling i college”

Bailey, Anoka-Ramsey Community College

I oppose the increase

“Increasing tuition means that the rate for dropping out of college increases as well. why would someone want to continue college if the tuition is so high!? This is one of the bigges, if not the biggest, reason as to why a college student would drop out.”

John, Inver Hills Community College



I oppose the increase

“Increasing tuition means that students who don’t have enough financial means will struggle to get their education.”

Ivy, Rochester Community and Technical College

I oppose the increase

“Increasing the tuition will make it harder for a working mother like me advance in my career.”

Sonny, Century College

I oppose the increase

“Increasing the cost of tuition means that I have to pay more to get my education when I am already struggling (like many college students) to afford to pay bills and work all while in school. Going to college has already put me in over \$8,000 of debt. I a”

Jade, St. Cloud Technical & Community College

I don't care

“in my situation I'm undecided, I think FAFSA grants should be reduced to help the increasing costs of tuition in colleges. If the increase is for teachers/professors salary I would support it.”

Nicole, Anoka Technical College

I oppose the increase

“in my opinion college is already expensive enough for students and most people can't afford college already so they don't go to college due to how much you have to pay. people shouldn't have to pay to go to school and learn something. college should be fr”

ivoree, Normandale Community College

I oppose the increase

“im worried i wont be able to do as much in the pseo program and this will effect me greatly when i graduate high school and i am paying for tuition, i also plan to be doing more schooling after ICC. Im very poor (im independent from my parents and im move”

bear, Itasca Community College

I oppose the increase

“im worried i wont be able to do as much in the pseo program and this will effect me greatly when i graduate high school and i am paying for tuition, i also plan to be doing more schooling after ICC”

bear, Itasca Community College



I oppose the increase

"I'm working 3 jobs and we are currently struggling pay check to paycheck, I have a son at home and another increase is just taking more money out of my pocket to support my family or to even be able to commute to Rctc and back home"

Autumn, Rochester Community and Technical College

I oppose the increase

"I'm poor"

Rachel, Century College

I oppose the increase

"im poor"

tom, South Central College

I oppose the increase

"I'm paying my own way for school. I do not qualify for assistance due to being a part time student and since I am married with 2 incomes even though we don't make much money and have to pay all of our other expenses. We both are in school paying our own"

Nicole, Inver Hills Community College

I oppose the increase

"I'm paying for college out of pocket and with the way that all prices are going up it would add another pound to the scale of my life."

Maya, Hennepin Technical College

I oppose the increase

"I'm lucky, I can afford an increase like that. But others won't be able to. And in *this* economy, where gas prices are skyrocketing and most jobs refuse to pay even a couple cents above minimum wage the need for a college degree is essential for people t"

Sam, Normandale Community College

I oppose the increase

"I'm fully aware of how lucky I am to be able to afford college. However, not everyone is as fortunate as I am. I hope that if tuition is increased, there will be plenty of opportunities to help the less fortunate be able to afford college. Having a degree"

Amber, Normandale Community College



I oppose the increase

"I'm broke enough as it is with rent, school/car expenses, etc. Trying to survive in COLLEGE is difficult enough as it is please don't make it worse than you already have by depriving students of their college succes. Thanks."

Christa, Century College

I oppose the increase

"I'm broke enough as it is already, if not for my parents support- I'd be homeless as it stands right now. I'm more fortunate than most, and 150 dollars goes a really long ways for college students building their futures.

With the state of our economy, I"
Benjy, Inver Hills Community College

I oppose the increase

"im broke as is"

Christian, Anoka Technical College

I oppose the increase

"I'm broke and want to afford rent and food."

Alex, Minneapolis College

I oppose the increase

"I'm barley hanging on right now with the price of tuition. Something has to give. It should not cost this much money to get a 2 year degree."

Angela, Rochester Community and Technical College

I oppose the increase

"I'm already paying tuition out of pocket, working 2 full time jobs, and trying my best to complete as this is my last year in the program. I do not qualify for student loans nor do I plan to take out anymore. I don't think I should have to pay for the f"

Melissa, Dakota County Technical College

I oppose the increase

"I'm a young staying-at-home mom that works part time in the mornings. Food, gas, everything is increasing already. Without at proper college education, the percentage of a young adult earning enough money to get by drops significantly. We already can bare"

Jayne, North Hennepin Community College



I oppose the increase

"I'm a single mom with a fixed budget."

Anastasiya, North Hennepin Community College

I oppose the increase

"I'm a self-pay student who must pay my own tuition and I cannot continue to pay increased fees without going further into debt."

Jennifer, Rochester Community and Technical College

I oppose the increase

"I'm a Republican... Fuck Joe Biden!!!!"

Matt, Alexandria Technical & Community College

I oppose the increase

"I'm a mother for four children going to school for my criminal justice degree. Increasing tuition not only takes money away from them, but makes it harder to survive in our current economy. Food prices have risen, gas prices, prices of housing, if the pri"

Brooke, Ridgewater College

I oppose the increase

"I'm a first generation student struggling to make end meet on its own. Sometimes its hard to choose between paying for my tuition or food. I remember my first year of college was a challenge. Though Ive made it and passed all my classes, working part time"

Nancy, Riverland Community College

I oppose the increase

"If you want more people to enroll, decrease the tuition. Clearly this is not about educating the people you SERVE and the benefits of a well educated/trained population is not what you are seeking. Some of us already have thousands in loans we need to pay"

Sharnyetta, Anoka Technical College

I oppose the increase

"If you really think I'm going to be happy to pay more when the value is still the same, you can shove that increase up your ass"

Edgar, Normandale Community College



I oppose the increase

"If tuition increases, I'll be forced to drop out, I have two kids and it is so hard to be in school as it is, I can barely afford it as it is. There is no way I'll be able to be in school if the rates go up. Please do not increase the tuition."

Muna, Minnesota State Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

"If tuition continues to increase to it is going to make getting higher education unattainable to for some students."

Karen, South Central College

I oppose the increase

"If tuition continues to increase I will not be able to afford to continue to attend college."

Kristina, Central Lakes College

I oppose the increase

"If they increase the tuition, I won't be able to attend or afford college which means I won't be able to get the education I signed up for."

Nafiso, Normandale Community College

I oppose the increase

"if the tuition increases there is no way I can afford and continue to my education because I am rising a small kid too."

jife, North Hennepin Community College

I oppose the increase

"If the tuition increase, I won't be able to continue college and I can't pay back my financial aid so I oppose the increase in tuition."

Yalawontee, Hennepin Technical College

I oppose the increase

"If the price of tuition continues on this climb I think fewer people will attend. College is already a huge financial burden for most and it is so essential for people to have access to education beyond high school. Although increasing tuition may lead to"

Emma, Itasca Community College



I oppose the increase

“If the price of college keeps going up and no benefits to attending the college are added, I am more likely to drop out.”

Ben, Century College

I don't care

“If the increase is really \$500 since 2020, that's the least insane price gouging increase I've experienced during this horrifically greedy time. In the same amount of time rent has doubled and gas prices have exceeded that of the European market. (Double”

Justin, Minneapolis College

I oppose the increase

“If or when the tuition increase passes, the barrier of entry into higher education gets much more costly. Thousands of students including myself already have difficulty supporting ourselves currently without school on top of that. It would further discour”

Katie, Alexandria Technical & Community College

I oppose the increase

“If my pay would rise to meet the inflation, I wouldn't exactly oppose it. But I don't see that happening.”

Kristchan, Itasca Community College

I oppose the increase

“If I felt that I could afford to pay more for classes, I would have gone to a university instead of a Tech College that is supposed to be affordable for anyone.”

Matt, St. Cloud Technical & Community College

I oppose the increase

“If colleges are struggling to maintain their budgets during/because of the pandemic, it is common sense that college students are one of the least likely groups of people to be able to afford a higher bill during this challenging time? While \$150 dollar”

Becci, Pine Technical and Community College

I oppose the increase

“I am going to college while raising a family. This extra tuition will be coming out of what I would be able to spend on my family.”

Jesse, Ridgewater College



I oppose the increase

"I've been in college two years now I have one year left, out of those two years my grands have only cover half of my tuition which means I have to pay the rest out of pocket because I'm not able to take out student loans. Some students have parents or gra"

Alexandra, Ridgewater College

I oppose the increase

"I've applied to a community because of the low tuition and having the cost of classes increase doesn't help but lower the chances of me being able to afford the amount of classes I want to take. Especially in the summer since financial aid has stricter re"

Naciima, Minnesota State Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

"I'm working two jobs and go to school full time at HTC. I oppose the tuition increase because I will have to pay so much more money then what I have. Besides college I have other bills I have to pay in my life. Scholarships while helpful are hard to get o"

Keeley, Minnesota State Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

"I'm poor"

Aisha, Minneapolis College

I oppose the increase

"I'm not just a student. I'm a wife, mom to 4 kids and a full time employee. It's hard enough to get by on bills while doing everything and paying for school. An increase to tuition will mean that something else will have to give in my families life. Unfor"

Janae, Anoka Technical College

I oppose the increase

"I'm not even getting what I have been paying for, an increase would be greatly inappropriate."

Tyler, Minnesota State College Southeast

I oppose the increase

"I'm in opposition of the increase.... This makes it harder for students to come ahead out of college especially with current inflation costs. I do not support free tuition, but I do however support AFFORDABLE tuition, AFFORDABLE tuition grows the economy."

Brittni, Minnesota State College Southeast



I oppose the increase

"I'm gonna be broke after busting my ass"

Tim, Minnesota West Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

"I'm broke and I'm transferring again because it's too expensive."

Jaelyn, Minnesota State College Southeast

I oppose the increase

"I'm a student And I can barely pay as is"

Danielle, Central Lakes College

I oppose the increase

"I'm a small town farm kid with no money. I have enough with Fafsa but with a increase in tuition could mean I can't learn and having to opt out of getting a education."

Isaiah, Minnesota West Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

"I'm a single teen mom trying to get my education so i can raise my daughter and not have to worry about money or rely on the state."

arianna, Minnesota State Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

"I'm a single mother trying to get through college. I can barley afford it as it is. Please do not increase it!"

Angela, Minnesota State Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

"I'm a single mom of three and money is tight as it is."

Caitlyn, Minnesota State Community & Technical College



I oppose the increase

"I'm a low income student and I been paying my tuition out of pockets because financial aid is not helping me because I'm only taking part time in school due to working as a full time student. I can't afford going to school full time because I'm taking car"

Mai, Century College

I oppose the increase

"I'm a full time student who cannot work. I won't be able to afford the tuition if it's increased."

Suad, Normandale Community College

I oppose the increase

"I'm a full time student and work full time I barely can afford to pay for every semester"

Roberta, Minnesota West Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

"I'm a full time college student, along with working full time + overtime when i can. I have rent, bills, and groceries. I still live pretty much paycheck to paycheck, especially now with the increase in price of.. well everything. I decided to go to colle"

jesicah, Northland Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

"I'm a broke college student. It's pretty simple. I got accepted into the nursing program so I am coming back, but it's getting expensive so I work a ton in the summer to afford it. I also work as much as I can during the school year, but that is hard"

Jessica, Minnesota State Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

"I, as well as many other students, already struggle financially and a tuition increase would only serve to make life harder for these students. Especially considering many students work part-time to help pay for college, and without a general wage increas"

Allison, Century College

I oppose the increase

"I wouldn't be able to afford the increase."

Mohamud, Normandale Community College



I oppose the increase

"I would not be able to afford it."

Ola, Century College

I oppose the increase

"I would literally not be able to attend college."

Kiah, Alexandria Technical & Community College

I oppose the increase

"I would like to know where the tuition increase money is going. Is it paying our educators better? That would be ok. Is it going into better programs for students? That would be ok. Why don't we see a proposed budget with the proposed increase?"

Ashley, Century College

I oppose the increase

"I would like a layout of what the increase in funds will be used for. I was unable to find this information in a google search, and I prefer transparency in regards to finances, especially given the current trying times. Given this information, I may chan"

Ruth, Inver Hills Community College

I oppose the increase

"I would have to work way more to even pay my bills. Its pretty rough due to the inflation but I kind of saw this coming"

Monica, North Hennepin Community College

I oppose the increase

"I would have to put more focus into working to pay for school instead of my class work."

Arraya, Minnesota State Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

"I would be taking out more loans and the loans aren't just what I take out for school they are needed for daily living since I;m in the nursing program. That also means its "just" 500\$ but with interest that's really not the case for the average lender"

Andria, Normandale Community College



I oppose the increase

"I work full time to be able to pay the tuition as it currently is. I am lucky to have swung it so far but others I know have had to take out loans for the amounts."

Carson, Minnesota State College Southeast

I oppose the increase

"I work full time to be able to afford tuition, rent, food, car, etc. It is hard enough already."

Katherine, Anoka-Ramsey Community College

I oppose the increase

"I work full time on top of being a full time student. Even at that, I need to take out loans to help myself get through college. This increase is an accumulated extra within my loans, that will only CONTINUE to build with interest. Being that SCTCC is the"

Haley, St. Cloud Technical & Community College

I oppose the increase

"I work and pay half of the tuition for my classes. For me paying even \$150 more is a lot. I also don't receive any fafsa help because I cant qualify since I am not a citizen. Please don't increase the tuition instead make it lower for people like me so we"

Moez, Normandale Community College

I oppose the increase

"I work and go to school without a dollar to spare. I fear if I get sick or face any emergency, my life would crumble."

Miranda, Normandale Community College

I oppose the increase

"I won't be able to afford going to school anymore. This is hurting so many students."

Audrey, Minnesota State Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

"I won't see any benefits by paying more."

Jacob, Vermillion College



I oppose the increase

"I won't benefit from the increase and I can't afford the tuition increase. It's not fair and college is becoming more unaffordable."

Taylor, Hennepin Technical College

I oppose the increase

"I won't be able to finish my degree if price increase continues. I can barely afford it now."

Rose, Rochester Community and Technical College

I oppose the increase

"I won't be able to afford it, which means I'll go deeper into debt."

Dasia, Minnesota West Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

"I will not be able to pay it."

Peterson, Anoka-Ramsey Community College

I oppose the increase

"I will not be able to afford to go to college with the tuition increase. In order for me to afford college now I have to work part time. With the tuition increase, I will have to work full time and still struggle to pay for it."

Kiara, Ridgewater College

I oppose the increase

"I will not be able to afford the increase due to my low income. It's going to be harder to pay for college."

Militza, Ridgewater College

I oppose the increase

"I will be stressed out and tied up into debt because I have a family to feed! I am tired of stressing behind owing others and end up not being able to leave an inheritance for my family?"

Rawatram, Normandale Community College



I oppose the increase

"I will be returning this Fall for a program and pay out of pocket, this increase will significantly impact me financially. It is already difficult balancing finances with the current inflation. If we continue to raise prices for education, less and less st"

Jordan, St. Cloud Technical & Community College

I oppose the increase

"I will be financially strained"

McKenzie, Anoka-Ramsey Community College

I oppose the increase

"I was paying my way through school and had to drop out many times because the stress of having to work full time was too much. It added over 5 years to my graduation plan and has made it very hard to achieve my academic and career goals. School is already"

Cassandra, Century College

I oppose the increase

"I was barely able to afford community college, and many of my classmates were in similar boats. I know one works 3 jobs to stay afloat and everyone I know who went to college in any capacity came out with loans. The current student loan system and current"

Rys, Century College

I oppose the increase

"I want in education then I'm not going to have to pay for the rest of my life. The reason I get an education is to get a better job. In order to make any money off my job I need to be able to get that debt to a minimum. There's absolutely no reason that t"

Kadence, Minnesota West Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

"I understand why the increase of tuition is needed but it just sucks that when people find a job after college they are struggling to pay the loans back because of the low wages in certain degrees. Only if the general electives could be cut down so you do"

Kevin, St. Cloud Technical & Community College

I oppose the increase

"I understand the cause of the tuition increase and how the world is today. However, I see that others out there might not have the same opportunity to achieve what they're striving for or look forward to with all these changes that will impact their futur"

Sue, Century College



I oppose the increase

"I understand that there is inflation and everything is getting more expensive but I feel like wages, especially in careers that don't have a college degree, aren't reflecting this change and making it much harder for young people"

Victoria, Minnesota West Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

"I think there are other ways to cut the budget and offset the increase."

Leslie, North Hennepin Community College

I oppose the increase

"I think that with the current Covid situation and the state of the country at the current moment many people have already lost their jobs and also lots of people have gone into poverty and became homeless. So, I think it's important to be considerate of w"

Iman, Anoka-Ramsey Community College

I oppose the increase

"I think that tuition increase is a bad idea because we can barely afford it now so imagine an increase."

Emilid, South Central College

I oppose the increase

"I think that in a time on Economic recession and prices goes up, I think that it's unreasonable to raise prices because more people are going to pick paying for their rent, food and necessities over a college education if push comes to shove"

Elijah, North Hennepin Community College

I oppose the increase

"I think that community college should be the less expensive option, and it needs to continue to be accessible. I am trying to be a diligent student and earn good grades (put the work into my school), but I also have to work to be able to afford school. I"

Malia, Normandale Community College

I oppose the increase

"I think many students like me are struggling today in this society because everything is already so expensive. Most of us have minimum wage jobs that don't reach the cost of living. I am struggling to balance work and school and with another increase i do"

Wendy, North Hennepin Community College



I oppose the increase

"I think it's unnecessary. people want education. what's the point of increasing the tuition when it's already expensive."

Madison, Central Lakes College

I oppose the increase

"I think it's pretty obvious why a student would oppose the 3rd price increase in two years. Colleges keep increasing tuition costs, and then are surprised that no one wants to go to their college. Frankly the most greedy idea I've heard of. Students expect"

Kieran, Saint Paul College

I oppose the increase

"I think it is outlandish to hit students who are just trying to begin a career to help this world with such high costs to get the education they need to do so. Pretty soon all you are going to have are a bunch of McDonald's workers who make a heck of a lo"

Barbara, Rochester Community and Technical College

I support the increase

"I think if you increase tuition, it should be reflected in improvements to the college (updating equipment/classrooms, teaching props, and a fresh coat of paint) and in the salaries of those that teach/work there. If that happens, then I can get behind th"

Jessica, Ridgewater College

I oppose the increase

"I suppose simply because I can't afford!"

Joshua, Normandale Community College

I support the increase

"I support the increase if it means the teachers will be paid more and receive more help. I feel like there's not enough support for our teachers and they have been getting needs taken away due to not having enough money. Some teachers have to buy school s"

Madison, Anoka Technical College

I oppose the increase

"I strongly oppose the tuition increase because I know how hard it is to afford college in general. I work a full time job and go to school full time and I struggle with making ends meet. I do not know how other



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students who go to school fulltime during th"
Kamri, Ridgewater College



I oppose the increase

"I strongly believe that an overwhelming proportion of students already can't afford the prices of tuition and are only able to attend school because of loans/grants. It seems very much a scam to raise the cost for school when the students are already havi"

Madison, Century College

I oppose the increase

"I simply can't afford to pay that much in tuition I am already working two jobs just so I can get a better job by going through college. And you have a good programs and we come to school there because its affordable and you get a good education at a affo"

Stephanie, Minnesota State Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

"I simply can't afford it"

Malik, North Hennepin Community College

I oppose the increase

"I shouldnt have to take out a student loan for a crappy community college."

Faith, Rochester Community and Technical College

I oppose the increase

"I receive Financial aid and although I may be able to gather \$500 I know many of my class mates won't be able to. College is already outrageously priced. The united states is has the 3rd most expensive college tuition, This means that the education that i"

Hanan, Minnesota State Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

"I personally think that the students you guys have asked come from a way better life than the most of us. You guys are not accounting for all the kids at junior colleges, there are kids who are barely getting by in college but you guys choose to ignore th"

Max, Minnesota State Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

"I personally feel education should be free"

Amanda, Hennepin Technical College



I oppose the increase

"I personally can't afford an increase right now but am very close to graduating."

Abigail, Normandale Community College

I don't care

"I personally can afford the tuition increase, however I come from a very privileged background. There are many people who cannot afford this increase which is why they are going to a community college in the first place. Many of them may have higher earni"

Nathan, Normandale Community College

I oppose the increase

"I pay the school fees myself, meaning out of my paycheck and do not have a loan to pay for college. Also because my parents make "too much money" I don't get a lot from FASA I hope that you see this and see that some students pay for college themselves ou"

Ellie, Anoka Technical College

I oppose the increase

"I pay off my tuition and I don't get much from fafsa so it would definitely make it harder for me to deal with an increase.

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Jacob, Dakota County Technical College

I oppose the increase

"I pay my tuition out of pocket, and I currently still have unpaid balance from the last semester due to previous tuition increase in tuition. Increasing tuition by another 3.5% would put me in more debt and eventually lead to dropping out."

Sylvester, North Hennepin Community College

I oppose the increase

"I pay for school by myself not with my parents help and on top of that I have to pay my rent, food, phone bill, insurance, and gas to get to and from school which is not cheap at the moment. Your making me not want to come back for a second year because I"

Dylan, Minnesota State Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

"I pay for my schooling out of pocket. another increase would make that task even harder than it already is."

Noah, Lake Superior College



I oppose the increase

"I pay for my schooling out of pocket and an increase would mean I'd have to stop going to college."

Elena, Century College

I oppose the increase

"I pay for my own tuition and work a full time job. I am on top of all my payments but an increase in tuition payment will definitely affect how many classes I will take."

Devi, St. Cloud Technical & Community College

I oppose the increase

"I pay for my own schooling and FAFSA does not provide me a lot of money making me already pay large amounts out of pocket. I have many other things to pay for as well as school and can't take out another loan."

Jenna, Dakota County Technical College

I oppose the increase

"I pay for my own college if it does increase I will have to put college aside and earn money then go to college."

Noyemin, Anoka-Ramsey Community College

I oppose the increase

"I opposed the tuition increase because school itself is stressful enough. Having to worry about paying for school makes it even more stressful on top of daily life. Increasing tuition due to low enrollment is not the solution, I believe that is counterproductive"

Tony, Saint Paul College

I oppose the increase

"I opposed it because the cost of living is going up with no increases in a person's paycheck, example is the price of gas. While you can do online learning, giving out loans is going to be used for gas to whoever knows where. Where does this money go? To"

Kathleen, North Hennepin Community College

I oppose the increase

"I opposed because more students don't have enough money to pay for that."

Finagnon, Riverland Community College



I oppose the increase

"I opposed because I can't afford tuition if it increases"

Blessing, Anoka Technical College

I oppose the increase

"I oppose, it's looking like college education will be a privilege for rich people, no medium class or even poor people. Sorry but allowing this will provoke harder time for people to go to college."

Diana, Normandale Community College

I oppose the increase

"I oppose, Because it is very difficult for students to pay tuition yet alone afford the cost of living to this current year. If the cost of tuition was raised again many students would choose to not go to college because they can't afford it."

Madison, Pine Technical and Community College

I oppose the increase

"I oppose tuition increases not because I am unable to afford the increase but because it is detrimental to thousands of other Minnesotans who seek to get ahead in life through post secondary education."

Tom, Normandale Community College

I oppose the increase

"I oppose tuition increases because tuition costs are already a financial barrier for students.

Majority of students that attend community colleges are individuals from low income households.

The tuition increases will oppress individuals rather give st"

Alexandra, Minnesota West Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

"I oppose tuition increase because I'm a returning to college this fall and I'm paying tuition out of my pocket. However, I need to pay for my car insurances and leases from my own pocket. I believe I wouldn't have enough to pay for all of it."

Chompoo, Century College

I oppose the increase

"I oppose tuition increase because I am one of the students who has to take out loans to cover my tuition & other expenses."

Miranda, South Central College



I oppose the increase

“I oppose to this because I can’t afford it, I’m barely making enough money to pay the actual rate”

Karol, Minneapolis College

I oppose the increase

“I oppose to the tuition increase because students like me that are paying straight from their own pockets with no help at all should not have to pay for another increase. I also am opposed because most students have to use financial aid so that they can p”

Katie, Anoka-Ramsey Community College

I oppose the increase

“i oppose to it because i am already working full time and going to school full time trying to make ends meet. please don't”

Molly, Minnesota State Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

“I oppose this tuition cost increase because I am saving for college almost all on my own. I did not qualify for any financial aid, and I am working about 25-30 hours a week to help save for school. It is expensive enough, especially because I am only able”

Brooke, Century College

I oppose the increase

“I oppose this increase because, the prices are too unaffordable and peoples working wages are a lot lower than inflation. Also, because some people will just go to other tech school competitors that are more cheaper and affordable for people and their fam”

Ben, Hennepin Technical College

I oppose the increase

“I oppose this increase because it exacerbates the poverty of many, many students at SPC, and across the whole state.”

David, Saint Paul College

I oppose the increase

“I oppose this increase because everybody should have the opportunity to become successful. Our chances of becoming successful greatly rely on having a college degree or diploma. Increasing tuition only makes the goal of success harder to reach or in some”

Christy, Central Lakes College



I oppose the increase

"I oppose this increase as a continuing student who has spent over a decade with a chronic health crisis to get to the point where I am finally able to attain my master's degree. Having already paid off my student loans from my bachelor's degree, increasin"

Dawn, Saint Paul College

I oppose the increase

"I oppose the tutiotin increase because I am a full time college student, and I am also a full time mom, that lives paycheck to paycheck until I finish college. Students cannot afford to have our tuition go up, when most of us are struggling just to stay e"

Kelsi, North Hennepin Community College

I oppose the increase

"I oppose the tuition increase. The price of college at any location is expensive and puts the students into debt that takes forever to pay off depending on their situation. Not everyone is able to qualify for FAFSA aid or has the means of being able to af"

Amanda, Alexandria Technical & Community College

I oppose the increase

"I oppose the tuition increase. I understand at these times resources and time are getting more and more costly. However, if an extra \$150 dollars from students in your eyes is affordable and easy to come by then you are sadly mistaken. We students especia"

Yossef, Normandale Community College

I oppose the increase

"I oppose the tuition increase. I already struggle paying for my tuition as well as all of my other expenses, such as food, gas, etc. When it comes down to which I will choose to pay for, food and gas will win every time as opposed to tuition. The classes"

Kristina, Dakota County Technical College

I oppose the increase

"I oppose the tuition increase, because the more tuition is increased the harder it becomes to afford to go back to school to finish my degree. As a student whose unable to get student loans or personal loans to pay for school, I am paying out of pocket wh"

Cassandra, Century College

I oppose the increase

"I oppose the tuition increase since I pay most of my tuition and other school expenses out of pocket. On top of that, I have monthly mortgage and bills. And since I'm in nursing school, I can only manage to



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work part time. My monthly salary is barely enou”
Shaula, Ridgewater College



I oppose the increase

"I oppose the tuition increase due to the fact that education should not be gatekept by financial status. What is happening is the deprivation of education for the lower class citizens and it is appalling. With the prices of food, gas, rent, and other BAS"

Tate, Central Lakes College

I oppose the increase

"I oppose the tuition increase due to Covid19, Russia war, and Inflation!"

Kayi, Century College

I oppose the increase

"I oppose the tuition increase because we as college students pay a hefty amount already with the courses we take as well as textbooks so why keep increasing it if or when people can't afford it in times where it is hard."

Ajla, Rochester Community and Technical College

I oppose the increase

"I oppose the tuition increase because there are many students struggle paying their bills at the end of the semester like I do. Also, I have no choice but to pay that amount which it is difficult to tell my parent because I still have two younger sibling"

Taw, Riverland Community College

I oppose the increase

"I oppose the tuition increase because there are already a lot of expenses to pay when attending college and the increase will add to more stress."

Taw, St. Cloud Technical & Community College

I oppose the increase

"I oppose the tuition increase because the pandemic affects people from every angle. Students, especially older, are already dealing with the rising prices of food, gas, essentials, & now education. In a time when knowledge is readily available for free on"

Mario, Century College

I oppose the increase

"I oppose the tuition increase because some students aren't able to work while in school and they don't have much saved up which would cause them to take out loans and will put students in debt. The tuition



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keeps increasing which makes it harder and harder”
Makenzie, Anoka Technical College



I oppose the increase

"I oppose the tuition increase because many students will have a much harder time finishing school. A majority of students do not have the support to pay expenses, we are not guaranteed to earn a scholarship or grants and others do not qualify for FAFSA. T"

Korayma, Rochester Community and Technical College

I oppose the increase

"I oppose the tuition increase because it's not fair that the students who've attended college during the pandemic have to suffer. With gas, mortgages, and food prices going up, it's difficult to say whether the tuition increase will make up for the "loss"

Ella, Normandale Community College

I oppose the increase

"I oppose the tuition increase because it will make college more inaccessible for several of my fellow students, and even discourage them to the point of dropping out. While I am able to afford it, money is still something my family and I worry about. Fu"

Wynn, Normandale Community College

I oppose the increase

"I oppose the tuition increase because it will be difficult for college students with lower incomes, as well as taking out more loans due to the tuition rise."

Hser, Century College

I oppose the increase

"I oppose the tuition increase because it is going to pose more of a challenge for me to pay my tuition. I pay my tuition myself with no help from family, FAFSA, or scholarships/grants. This is a common situation for many students. This increase is unneces"

Ashley, St. Cloud Technical & Community College

I oppose the increase

"I oppose the tuition increase because it is already expensive and there are some out there that want to go to college but can't afford it so to raise tuition costs would make it so larger amounts of people can't affrd college and will be stuck and not abl"

Erin, Pine Technical and Community College

I oppose the increase

"I oppose the tuition increase because it is a barrier to higher education, essentially just creating a bigger paywall to a better life. I find that inhumane and incredibly discouraging."

Rachel, Inver Hills Community College



I oppose the increase

"I oppose the tuition increase because it doesn't seem like a smart business decision. I think it will drive down college attendance, and the chancellor will want the tuition to increase again. This will probably keep repeating itself until bankruptcy occurs"

Josh, Minnesota West Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

"I oppose the tuition increase because I, a student, already struggle to pay tuition currently. Between tuition, textbooks, gas money, and basic school supplies life is hard enough as it is."

Haden, Rochester Community and Technical College

I oppose the increase

"I OPPOSE the tuition increase because I would pretty much be forced to drop out of college."

Shelby, Alexandria Technical & Community College

I oppose the increase

"I oppose the tuition increase because I would like to minimize student loan debt. My choice to attend a community college is to obtain an affordable education and degree. Cost of living is already extremely high at this time."

Pachia, Anoka-Ramsey Community College

I oppose the increase

"I oppose the tuition increase because I think it's morally reprehensible to be raising prices on college students right now in a time where the cost of living has skyrocketed already in just about every single aspect. Based on what exactly? Greed? Right n"

Simon, Riverland Community College

I oppose the increase

"I oppose the tuition increase because I don't have enough money to pay. Hopefully it doesn't go up that much."

Arianna, Normandale Community College

I oppose the increase

"I oppose the tuition increase because I come from a low-income family and I barely can afford to my tuition right now, imagine if it increases? Some students, including myself, have to work more than 1 job to afford college, if it increases, we will spend"

Sonia, Century College



I oppose the increase

"I oppose the tuition increase because I can't afford a tuition increase.

I am 18 years old and I came to North Hennepin Community College for the simple reason that it was the cheapest option out there. I have a future, and I want to make it the best pos"

Dustin, North Hennepin Community College

I oppose the increase

"I oppose the tuition increase because even though it's a community college, it is still expensive to pay for it and the increase will only make it more difficult to attend. No matter what, I will be attending in the fall but that's because I need to finis"

Alex, Normandale Community College

I oppose the increase

"I oppose the tuition increase because countless students who owe student's loan are struggling to re-pay it; however, the situation we found ourselves in, it is a difficult time, that means inflation is taking place, as a result; the cost of living in t"

Solomon, North Hennepin Community College

I oppose the increase

"I oppose the tuition increase because college is already so expensive for something that is vital to future success. It can be difficult to obtain student loans, scholarships have stiff competition, grants may not be available, and so few people have the"

Amanda, Saint Paul College

I oppose the increase

"I oppose the tuition increase because as a college student living at home I get zero financial aid. Even though I pay for my own college with the money I make at my job I dont get any help paying for my college. It there is a tuition increase this means I"

Bella, Rochester Community and Technical College

I oppose the increase

"I oppose the tuition increase as many people will struggle to afford college classes and other materials. Numerous people who attend college already have difficulties paying. Increasing the tuition price will simply hurt the people already having troubles"

Andrew, Anoka-Ramsey Community College



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I oppose the increase

“I oppose the tuition increase as it makes education even less accessible to more people.”

Emily, Northland Community & Technical College



I oppose the increase

"I oppose the tuition increase because one of the reasons people attend community college is that it's the more affordable option."

Shemba, Anoka-Ramsey Community College

I oppose the increase

"I oppose the tuition fee increase because I feel like it would impact classes. With less students the less classes there will be for students to complete their diploma."

Thomas, Hennepin Technical College

I oppose the increase

"I oppose the tuition because I am paying my way through college. I work full time and do school full time—an increase would require me to work more. I'm only 19 and I'm spreading myself thin."

Nataly, Riverland Community College

I oppose the increase

"I oppose the tuition increase because I am already struggling to pay for everything for me and my family and increasing the tuition is only going to make it harder for me"

kristina, St. Cloud Technical & Community College

I oppose the increase

"I oppose the rise in tuition because college is already an expensive endeavor. Although the increase in tuition may help or meet the budgeted needs it will close doors for students. These students are the future, and the future is what schools are supposed to be"

Casey, Ridgewater College

I oppose the increase

"I oppose the proposed tuition increase because, tuition is already expensive enough. I live paycheck to paycheck and would like to not have to anymore so I am going to college to get my degree to get a higher paying job to support myself. With the proposed"

Marcos, Minneapolis College

I oppose the increase

"I oppose the increased Tuition because as a student who pays for everything with no help other than from FAFSA, it is still hard to pay for student housing when not even FAFSA covers even half of it. I'm a full time student and a full time worker who already"

Alaina, Minnesota State Community & Technical College



I oppose the increase

"I oppose the increase, because it will be very difficult for me to continue to pay for my college tuition, especially, with the drastic increase of cost of living! As things like gas and food go up I'm already worried about how I will fund my final two se"

Rebekah, Northland Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

"I oppose the increase, because if you can avoid it, you should. I understand that this is just community colleges in Minnesota, but this whole country has a problem. We gate keep higher education with a massive price tag. Higher education is the best and"

Nick, Normandale Community College

I oppose the increase

"I oppose the increase with the growing need in some of these fields they will be less likely to be pursued because it is already too expensive. Personally I am in school to become an Elementary School Teacher with 3 years left in my degree path. I am stru"

Madison, Rochester Community and Technical College

I oppose the increase

"I oppose the increase of tuition simply because college tuition is already expensive. this increase will mostly affect student like me who come from a low income family."

joab, Century College

I oppose the increase

"I oppose the increase of tuition because it will cause financial constrain for every students which will result in students dropping from schools."

Morris, Saint Paul College

I oppose the increase

"i oppose the increase not just for me but for so many other minnesotans who don't qualify for grants or money to cover college. I pay for my college tuition strictly with student loans and some of it out of my pocket where I work at a minimum wage job and"

kaitlyn, North Hennepin Community College

I oppose the increase

"I oppose the increase in tuition because collectively the expense of higher education is already outrageously and unnecessarily out of control, according to our current presidential administration, millions of individuals are out of work resulting in said"

Amanda, Minnesota State Community & Technical College



I oppose the increase

"I oppose the increase in tuition because as a student I can't afford to take more loans to pay for my education. Additionally, with rising inflation life in the United States is unbearable."

Christian, Riverland Community College

I oppose the increase

"I oppose the increase due to many college students, as well as myself, barely afford college as is even with financial aid. A lot of students, including myself, rely on what little we get from financial aid to pay bills, buy necessities, and gas to get to"

Brooklyn, Central Lakes College

I oppose the increase

"I oppose the increase due to increased cost of living in our area and around the country I feel it is unfair to be punished with increased cost when students are seeking to better themselves through education."

Nathan, Ridgewater College

I oppose the increase

"I oppose the increase because with the increase of everything else, education isn't something we should also have to struggle to afford. Especially when we are furthering our education to get out of this very situation. The prices of rent, food and gas ha"

Autumn, Minneapolis College

I oppose the increase

"I oppose the increase because tuition is already expensive adding on extra money for classes will make it difficult to afford on top of other day to day costs."

alexia, Normandale Community College

I oppose the increase

"I oppose the increase because the price of everything has risen, which is making it difficult already to financially support myself."

Olivia, Century College

I oppose the increase

"I oppose the increase because technical colleges are supposed to be the affordable choice for those who can't/ don't want to go to expensive private universities. Also if the tuition is raised it should be made completely transparent why and where the mon"

Charles, Hennepin Technical College



I oppose the increase

"I oppose the increase because students are already struggling to afford normal housing in today's society. We are having to live with roommates, often times more than one or two, in order to make ends meet. Raising the price of tuition will be setting up"

Kiarah, Central Lakes College

I oppose the increase

"I oppose the increase because some people already have trouble paying for college now and you want to increase the price and than people will struggle more to pay and just stress to about paying for college than focusing on school work."

Jeanne, South Central College

I oppose the increase

"I oppose the increase because of other increases such as inflation that are impacting many other individuals financial stability during this time."

Rebekah, Inver Hills Community College

I oppose the increase

"I oppose the increase because money is tight for a lot of people right now, and students deserve access to an affordable education. Money should not be an interference in obtaining an education."

Jessica, Inver Hills Community College

I oppose the increase

"I oppose the increase because many can not afford college. Another thing is that many people need a college degree for a career or job they enjoy. Something to pay the bills and exist. But if price for education keeps going up there will not be enough pe"

Shianne, Normandale Community College

I oppose the increase

"I oppose the increase because it's hard to pay for everything especially during inflation"

Irina, Anoka-Ramsey Community College

I oppose the increase

"I oppose the increase because it is already expensive going to school. I drive an hour to school so that already cost a bunch of gas money and on top of that I try and pay my Tuition out of pocket. It is hard to work to pay it off while going to school I"

Gabby, Central Lakes College



I oppose the increase

"I oppose the increase because I work part time and cannot afford it"

Miles, Minneapolis College

I oppose the increase

"I oppose the increase because I myself and a few more classmates I know that we are already struggling after the pandemic and still trying to recover from it. However, we struggle even more since everything has tripled in price."

Truc, Century College

I oppose the increase

"I oppose the increase because I can barely afford to live and feed my family now plus school in the fall."

Amanda, Minnesota State Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

"I oppose the increase because I and all other students deserve affordable education. The increase would only drive away more potential students."

Hannah, St. Cloud Technical & Community College

I oppose the increase

"I oppose the increase because I am already struggling to pay my bills and when I finish school this December I'm gonna struggle even more when u have to pay back my student loans and increasing the cost will hurt me even more."

Cheyenne, Rochester Community and Technical College

I oppose the increase

"I oppose the increase because I am already experiencing financial hardship and this would make things even harder."

Alissa, St. Cloud Technical & Community College

I oppose the increase

"I oppose the increase because due to inflation right now across the nation, the dollar for each person is increasingly very difficult to come by and to stretch. Being that this is another hike in less than less than 2 years makes keeping up with each incr"

Soloni, North Hennepin Community College



I oppose the increase

"I oppose the increase because college students can't even afford tuition as it is. We do not support and understand the need for increase in tuition."

Neesha, Minnesota State Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

"I oppose the increase because college is already expensive as it is and that is why I have not gone until way after I graduated high school."

Miranda, Ridgewater College

I oppose the increase

"I oppose the increase because being a Latin student and player it's been hard to pay off college already. I went to college for it can be a little bit more easy to pay but if this increase comes I feel I can't continue my studies."

Nestor, Riverland Community College

I oppose the increase

"I oppose the increase because as a single parent that is too much as of now especially with all the price raises that are happening with other things in the community."

Marcus, Minnesota State Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

"I oppose the increase because as a college student truly trying soak up knowledge so I can succeed not only at school but on the path to my career, it is hard to do this with constant worry of money. I do not have many funds for school and have to be on a"

Maxwell, Minnesota State Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

"I oppose the increase because already tuition is a crippling cost for people even after they graduated and no longer students. Furthermore, I highly doubt financial assistance will increase to be able to continue helping those in need. And most important!"

Juliauna, Century College

I oppose the increase

"I oppose the increase as it makes it more difficult to enjoy life at the same time as being educated.

With the current cost of tuition being so high, I can't already afford it unless I commit to living paycheck



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to paycheck and budget all of my meals. This”

Derek, Rochester Community and Technical College



I oppose the increase

"I oppose the increase as I am struggling to pay bills and tuition as it is at the moment."

Elaine, Saint Paul College

I oppose the increase

"I oppose the decision because I feel like a lot of people especially now a days will not be able to afford the increase"

Abbey, Alexandria Technical & Community College

I oppose the increase

"I oppose right now because the increase of gas and groceries. Like everyone else I'm paying way more for these thing but my wage at my job is the same. People can Hardly pay there bills to live let alone have to pay more to go to school"

Anna, Alexandria Technical & Community College

I oppose the increase

"I oppose it because with the rising costs of everything else and tuition going up. The current job I have, money just won't be there for higher education costs."

Philip, Anoka-Ramsey Community College

I oppose the increase

"I oppose it because we are still mostly online and not getting the tools and education we would in person. I am already upset that I pay 5k a semester and now they want to raise it. If they are going to raise it, they need to be making sure professors are"

Alyana, Minnesota State Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

"I oppose it because it will make it that much harder for people to get degrees, let alone even think of attending any sort of secondary education. I believe that these increases will eventually lead to a "brain drain" in today's society. This overall will"

Sarah, South Central College

I oppose the increase

"I oppose it because it makes education much less accessible to those who need it/want it and cannot afford it anymore."

Bryan, Pine Technical and Community College



I oppose the increase

"I oppose it because it has always been a struggle for students to keep up with funding for school, especially full time. Why increase a community college's tuition if a lot, if not, most can't afford it."

Akuc, Rochester Community and Technical College

I oppose the increase

"I oppose it because I work PT to go to school. I only make 10.33 an hour. It would truly make my journey to bettering my life for the future. I have 52 more credits to get in before I can graduate. So this increase would greatly impact my finances. Everyt"

Shelayne, St. Cloud Technical & Community College

I oppose the increase

"I oppose it because I live in 5 person household that relies on one person's income. We already have 2 other kids in the family in college so if tuition increases we will not be able to afford to go to college."

Le, Minneapolis College

I oppose the increase

"i oppose it because i cannot afford it."

Adama, North Hennepin Community College

I oppose the increase

"I oppose it because everything is starting to increase in price, especially gas and wages are not increasing enough to cover it. Some students don't even work too so relying on their parents who have low paying jobs is not ideal either. I believe that man"

Cheng, Saint Paul College

I oppose the increase

"I oppose it because even though it is "just an increase of — dollars per student" that all adds up to a huge sum. I believe that a majority of students who are attending right now, struggle financially that's why they're relying on the college that they a"

Mai, Century College

I oppose the increase

"I oppose it because college should stay affordable"

Julie, Anoka Technical College



I oppose the increase

"I oppose it because being a student paying for college by myself along with a place to live is a very hard thing to do."

Angie, Ridgewater College

I oppose the increase

"I oppose it as it is hard enough to attend school while working full time, don't add insult to injury by having students borrow funds in order to finish school."

Lisa, Saint Paul College

I oppose the increase

"I oppose it as it is already hard enough to pay for college and fafsa has been helping me but it's still difficult that I have considered a second job for this summer before the upcoming fall semester, I chose to go to a community college and then plannin"

Muamong, Century College

I oppose the increase

"I oppose for the increase in tuition some people got it taken consideration of the students fathers mothers who travel a great distance and the a.m. and also the PM just to go to school to have a better future for themselves and also their family this inc"

Mr.Wallace, Central Lakes College

I oppose the increase

"I oppose because of inflation, high cost of living, expense after expense. It is already a financial burden to further my education as a single parent, this will only take away much necessary funds that need to go elsewhere in my life."

Jasmine, South Central College

I oppose the increase

"I oppose because now days it's hard to pay rent prices, food, and gas on top of tuition."

Mya, Alexandria Technical & Community College

I oppose the increase

"I oppose because many students like I are paying college on our own with no help and it's already difficult to pay it."

Lizet, Minnesota State Community & Technical College



I oppose the increase

"I oppose because many of us students are struggling to put gas in our cars, I have to work a part time job in order to complete my college education. I have to pay 5 dollars a gallon for gas nowadays. I don't want to worry about having to pay tuition, I t"

Krista, South Central College

I oppose the increase

"I oppose because I know a lot of people especially during these time who are struggling, including myself. Not only gas but produce, basic necessities have sky rocketed and the last thing we need to do is increase the tuition as well."

Katherine, Anoka-Ramsey Community College

I oppose the increase

"I oppose because I believe students shouldn't have to pay \$500 more just for tuition. When we already have to pay for books, housing, food and etc. I think also going to a community college the price should be more reasonable in price then going to a univ"

Mallory, Riverland Community College

I oppose the increase

"I oppose because I am a single mother trying to put myself through school while also providing for my children. I will not be able to attend if the tuition increases unfortunately for me even though it's my last semester. Please don't let this be another"

Elizabeth, Minnesota State Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

"I oppose because college is already expensive. Another 500 would make it more unaffordable"

Ashley, Central Lakes College

I oppose the increase

"I oppose because as college student we already have enough to be paying for right out of high school, with little to no time to plan. We are busy worrying about who we want to be for the next 50-60 years of our life, and how we want to live those years. I"

Alivia, South Central College

I oppose the increase

"I oppose because as a single mother I already have a hard time affording tuition"

Stephenie, St. Cloud Technical & Community College



I oppose the increase

"I oppose as the price of living increasing is already hard on many students and increasing the tuition would be a burden on those already struggling to pay for their education and may discourage those struggling to come back this upcoming semester."

Makayla, St. Cloud Technical & Community College

I oppose the increase

"I only have so much money"

Noah, Minnesota State Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

"I only have so much money"

Noah, Minnesota State Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

"I only have one semester left, I will tough out the cost. But if I was a freshman, I would drop college altogether due to the costs. What these institutions don't realize is that tuition alone isn't rising. Everything is, look at current prices for rent."

Ally, Rochester Community and Technical College

I oppose the increase

"I often worry about paying my tuition therefore I oppose the increase."

Anisa, Normandale Community College

I oppose the increase

"I not going afford to pay for college"

Ingrid, Minnesota State Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

"I myself can't afford an increase. I am a daughter of a single mother and I also have a younger sister. My mother can't afford the increase either."

Hailey, Anoka-Ramsey Community College



I oppose the increase

"I may not understand but people are already in debt and with the price of everything going up and the proxy war we are fighting in Ukraine UA the instability of our country right now. Tuition increase to me seems like a match for inflation? How about a"

Josh, Hennepin Technical College

I oppose the increase

"I may not be able to continue my education and with the loans that I currently have I will not be able to pay them back if I do not complete this degree. This country needs to support better education so those that get them can work and put money back int"

Carol, Minnesota State Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

"I make 31,000 a year. which means i qualify for minnesota grant but not pell grant. i can barely afford to pay out of pocket for whatever the MN grant doesn't cover."

Kathryn, Minneapolis College

I support the increase

"I love spending money."

Thomas, Century College

I oppose the increase

"I live paycheck by paycheck. And what I get financial aid I barley get anything back. So paying certain books or supplies from my own pockets for school is extremely hard to do. And it will increase my anxiety and worry about passing classes. I get why is"

Ashely, South Central College

I support the increase

"I live in Bemidji Mn, I need to be grateful that my town has this opportunity for me and other people in the future. If I have to pay more that's part of supporting educational institution in my town."

Michelle, Northwest Technical College

I oppose the increase

"I literally can't afford an increase please"

Aisha, St. Cloud Technical & Community College



I oppose the increase

"I know of people/ friends who can barely make it to come to school and depend on school free cupboard foods in order to survive. We have passion to learn but with the increment, that will take a toll on them/us"

lindsey, North Hennepin Community College

I oppose the increase

"I just won't be able to afford it as fasfa already covers my tuition due to me not having much support besides myself"

Javanna, Dakota County Technical College

I oppose the increase

"I just went through a divorce, with a child. My finances are already seriously impacted as it is"

Chris, Hennepin Technical College

I oppose the increase

"I just don't think people should pay for learning. Why increase it when everyone already struggling with just paying bills."

Ericka, Dakota County Technical College

I oppose the increase

"I just am not in a situation to be able to afford a tuition increase at this time."

Mahamed, St. Cloud Technical & Community College

I oppose the increase

"I can't afford school now..."

Emily, Inver Hills Community College

I oppose the increase

"I have to work to pay for college."

Rieley, South Central College



I oppose the increase

"I have to take out loans as it is, so it will be extra difficult to pay back more money than I can currently afford. This compounded with an increase in the cost of living post Covid, I'm afraid I wouldn't be able to afford school."

Brett, Vermillion College

I oppose the increase

"I have to pay college by myself I don't get any help and I think that it should not happen for the people that have to pay themselves and don't get any support by parents"

Brianna, Northland Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

"I have to have two jobs to pay rent and other essential things. I apply for scholarships every year and have only gotten one. Next year I have internships so I won't be able to work as much. I don't want to worry about paying for school on top"

Emelia, Northland Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

"I have to choose oppose because you put I don't care instead of I don't know or I would like to understand why it has to increase. I think it is hard for the students who need to take out loans and are responsible for their own education costs and do not"

Aimee, Minnesota State College Southeast

I oppose the increase

"I have other expenses that eat up my budget. But right now gas is especially expensive; I am paying double what I used to in every visit to the gas station. I have to drive all the time so I'm paying hundreds for gas alone every month. A \$185 increase wou"

Reewaj, Normandale Community College

I oppose the increase

"I have no support from family and couldn't afford an increase by myself"

Claire, Century College

I oppose the increase

"I have no money"

Fatoumatta, North Hennepin Community College



I oppose the increase

"I have already started college and it doesn't make sense to raise the tuition cost for students that are halfway through their degree or a year from graduating."

Kylee, Northwest Technical College

I oppose the increase

"i have a low income and many expenses that i need to do and plus my rent, and i dont think i can afford it next semester"

Vin, Normandale Community College

I oppose the increase

"I have a hard time paying for college already, without going into debt. Saving money for college is hard enough without a tuition increase, because every dollar I spend on new textbooks, classes, and supplies removes what money I have saved. I already liv"

Benjamin, Central Lakes College

I oppose the increase

"I have a family with 4 kids I need to support. It's hard enough to support them and the bills and pay more money for education. Increases are happening everywhere it's hard to keep up with inflation. Employers are lacking in pay increases it's still not e"

Luis, Ridgewater College

I oppose the increase

"I have a family that I am trying to support, and the rising cost of tuition hinders that. I will be the first of my family to obtain a college degree if I am able to continue. My siblings and I are hesitant of earning a degree due to the rising cost and n"

Lucretia, Hennepin Technical College

I oppose the increase

"I have a daughter and I live paycheck to paycheck. I already had a hard enough time affording a semester. How can you encourage people to want to go to college when all they get to look forward to is massive amounts of debt?"

Kimberly, Minnesota State Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

"I have 5 children and I can barely afford to keep our household going. Now it might costs more to further educate myself and better provide for my family. It doesn't feel like college has students best interest at hand."

Nicole, Minnesota State Community & Technical College



I oppose the increase

"I have 3 children and don't work so I can be in the nursing program fulltime. It is even recommended by the instructors not to work because of all the course work. This already makes it difficult to be in the program and support my family"

Marie, Inver Hills Community College

I oppose the increase

"I go to community college because it was cheaper than a 4-year university. What's the point of a community college if it costs the same as a 4-year institution?"

Gabriel, Minneapolis College

I oppose the increase

"I go to community college because it is affordable but if you increase tuition plus books it will be to costly

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Matthew, North Hennepin Community College

I oppose the increase

"I fully oppose this tuition increase. I am a returning adult student that receives no federal financial assistance - I pay for my education entirely out of pocket, along with my rent/car/student loans from my last college experience. My spouse helps with"

Sam, Minneapolis College

I oppose the increase

"I feel that community college is the place where lower income people can get a leg up and maybe even the score just a bit. Students have too much responsibility with rent, food etc. to increase the cost of higher education. As a senior citizen student th"

Denise, Normandale Community College

I oppose the increase

"I feel like the amount of money for tuition is already a lot for me. With my current financial situation it took me a long amount of time to pay off my tuition for my spring semester. Another increase on tuition would definitely hurt myself financially bu"

Amin, North Hennepin Community College

I oppose the increase

"I feel like everyone in this country has a right to a good education. Whether they need it or not, they



should be able to afford it.”
Mason, Ridgewater College

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I oppose the increase

"I feel it's not right for the increase because us college students already pay enough for tuition. It's almost what I pay in groceries for two weeks."

Stephanie, St. Cloud Technical & Community College

I oppose the increase

"I feel it is not needed to increase our pay for education. That's it, I pay enough"

Tanner, Alexandria Technical & Community College

I oppose the increase

"I feel I speak for a lot of people when I say that increasing tuition causes is going to be challenging for many. I know a handful of people who attend SCTCC who are pregnant, have a child, or are already struggling to pay bills for themselves and their f"

Elizabeth, St. Cloud Technical & Community College

I oppose the increase

"I fear this increase in tuition costs could slow down my college progress, school is hard enough for me to afford as it is."

Brady, Northland Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

"I dropped out last semester do to increasing costs."

Taylor, Minnesota State Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

"I don't want to have to take out loans to pay for school. All that debt after graduating would be a major burden."

James, Pine Technical and Community College

I oppose the increase

"I don't think most of us students can afford it. And it could also discourage most students from completing their degree."

Rachael, Century College



I oppose the increase

"I don't support because most students have to pay for their tuition on their own and college is already a lot of money for students."

Mallory, St. Cloud Technical & Community College

I oppose the increase

"I don't support an increase because we have already many increases on gas, food and other necessities. If there is a tuition increase, I believe that it could make it impossible for many to complete their degrees. It may even break them to the point of going."

Kimberly, Hennepin Technical College

I oppose the increase

"I don't make very much money each year and I'm trying to go to school debt free"

Brandon, Hennepin Technical College

I oppose the increase

"I don't like this because college as of now is not affordable."

Jessica, St. Cloud Technical & Community College

I don't care

"I don't like it, but regardless, I want my degree. So I'll have to deal with it if it does increase."

Jayde, Northland Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

"I don't know how I'm going to pay for college now let alone with an increase. I am already working and my major isn't one that you can work a full time job and go to school."

Kalyn, Normandale Community College

I oppose the increase

"I don't have the money to pay. The little bit of money I get back as leftovers from the grant I have will be taken from me, and that's the money I live off of."

Bryesha, North Hennepin Community College



I oppose the increase

"I don't have the money to keep up with the increase or the time to make the amount of money needed. My job only pays me so much and I need to pay rent and feed my cat and axolotl as well as myself."

Makayla, Ridgewater College

I oppose the increase

"I don't have the money to afford it"

Kang, Saint Paul College

I oppose the increase

"i dont have a lot of money"

abish, Normandale Community College

I oppose the increase

"I don't want to pay more"

Shane, South Central College

I oppose the increase

"I don't want student loan debt to pay off for the rest of my life."

Jamie, Century College

I oppose the increase

"I don't wanna be in crippling debt when I'm in my mid 20s"

Clarence, North Hennepin Community College

I oppose the increase

"I don't support the increase of the cost of tuition because, the reason I came to a community college in the first place was because of how cheap it cost to attend, and as a person working to pay the bills, the increased tuition will impact my financial s"

Cole, Normandale Community College



I oppose the increase

“I don’t support it because I can’t afford an increase”

Kiara, Rochester Community and Technical College

I oppose the increase

“I don’t support increase in tuition”

Joan, Minneapolis College

I oppose the increase

“I don’t really understand why there’s a tuition increase. College is already overpriced as it is, especially for larger universities. I don’t believe it will make up for the lost revenue of students during the pandemic. I think it would defer people from”

Ella, Normandale Community College

I oppose the increase

“I don’t make enough money or get enough money from the fafsa to pay for tuition”

Keely, Anoka-Ramsey Community College

I oppose the increase

“I don’t know who these students are that they talked to and said they were ok with the tuition hikes, but I’m very certain that they are in the minority. This would be the 3rd tuition hike since 2020. I don’t like the idea of offsetting the cost to run al”

Eric, Ridgewater College

I oppose the increase

“I don’t know if I can afford the tuition after the increase”

Jolia, North Hennepin Community College

I oppose the increase

“I don’t have the extra money, and I won’t be working next semester”

Fortuna, North Hennepin Community College



I oppose the increase

"I don't have money for this"

Lombeh, Minnesota State Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

"I don't have money"

Fanta, Rochester Community and Technical College

I oppose the increase

"I don't have that much money"

Max, Normandale Community College

I support the increase

"I do support the increase, however it will cause me to either work more to have to pay for all my tuition or go into even more debt. As a prospect nursing student it is important to me that we have to pay for our tuition as this makes sure hard and dedica"

Grace, Riverland Community College

I oppose the increase

"I do not support the increase due to the fact that classes will be cancel. If classes are cancelled that means that students enrolled will have to take other classes. Those other classes may not meet their diploma requirements or benefit them in the futur"

Thomas, Hennepin Technical College

I oppose the increase

"I do not support the increase because I do not understand why. Despite what the chancellor says. Will we be getting that much more value of education? What will be gained by increasing the tuition? I would support it if the money went directly to increasi"

Max, Saint Paul College

I oppose the increase

"I do not necessarily oppose the increase in tuition if it means that it is compensating for something to keep the college from falling into debt or something along those lines, but if students are not going to receive more grants, scholarships, etc. to co"

Megan, Alexandria Technical & Community College



I oppose the increase

"I do not make enough money to support the increase with insurance and living."

Mackenzie, Dakota County Technical College

I oppose the increase

"I do not make enough money and worry about my assistance"

Natasha, North Hennepin Community College

I oppose the increase

"I do not have the money for school."

Htoo, Minnesota State Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

"I do not have the money available for such an increase."

Jack, Normandale Community College

I oppose the increase

"I do not have money to afford another tuition increase."

Mark, Dakota County Technical College

I oppose the increase

"I didn't attend last semester because I have been struggling and working more than full time to pay off my current debt with MState to even be able to enroll. More tuition Increases further reduce the chance of I, a poor person from a poor family, to fini"

Jacob, Minnesota State Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

"I currently work 2 part-time jobs even in school and I have bills like car insurance, phone, loans. Because of my monthly expenses I can't afford to have tuition raises with my low income"

Kallie, Dakota County Technical College



I oppose the increase

"I currently am unable to work because I can't afford daycare so I have to be the primary caregiver. A raise in tuition might mean that I can't afford to finish school"

Shirley, Minnesota State Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

"I currently am a student who is working full-time. I'm fortunate enough that the Pell grant currently pays for my college though I will soon have to pay out of my own pocket to further my education. With the cost of rent, groceries, and basic living. I"

Margaret-Ann, Century College

I oppose the increase

"I could probably afford the increase maybe, it all depends, but would rather use the money for rent and groceries. So I oppose it."

Ian, Alexandria Technical & Community College

I oppose the increase

"I come from a low income family and I'm also supporting myself financially to pay for college. This increase would make it more difficult to pay for college.

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Jayvon, Anoka-Ramsey Community College

I oppose the increase

"I chose this college because of its affordability. The consistent increases are making the affordability less realistic. The student loan program has also not increased the money it awards so less tuition is covered by loans. There has also not been an in"

Hali, Inver Hills Community College

I oppose the increase

"I chose community college for the lower, more affordable pricing. As someone who does have access to a super large income, it would hurt me and my family."

Ariel, North Hennepin Community College

I oppose the increase

"I can't support because I am not working and life is so expensive nowadays and."

rahma, Saint Paul College



I oppose the increase

"I cant even scrape by, not sure how i'm not homeless yet"

Paige, Rochester Community and Technical College

I oppose the increase

"I can't even afford gas today"

Amy, South Central College

I oppose the increase

"I cant even afford college as it is right now."

Cara, Minneapolis College

I oppose the increase

"I cant afford to go to the college I want"

Jacki, North Hennepin Community College

I oppose the increase

"I can't afford these increases being a mom of 5 and paying for myself and one of my older kids that will also being to college in the fall. This will financially hurt my family."

Sandra, Anoka-Ramsey Community College

I oppose the increase

"I cant afford the increase"

Stephanie, Minnesota West Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

"I can't afford it. There's a reason I'm going to a tech college rather than a university. Money and time are something not all of us have. Increasing this would highly affect my stress and ability to better myself and get an education."

Tristen, Pine Technical and Community College



I oppose the increase

"I can't afford it. I pay completely out of pocket for all of my classes, while working full time."

Patrisha, North Hennepin Community College

I oppose the increase

"I can't afford it."

Jamie, Minnesota State Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

"I cant afford it the way it is right now. i can barely even pay for schooling. that's why many people don't go to college"

Chloe, Minnesota State Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

"I can't afford it since I am currently jobless due to not being able to drive from a seizure I had back in April. My family isn't able to afford that."

Alyssa, Ridgewater College

I oppose the increase

"I can't afford it now an increase would make it more difficult."

Jan, Dakota County Technical College

I oppose the increase

"I can't afford it because I couldn't pay off last semester tuition and it taken me a while to pay off, if increase it I can't pay it."

Ubah, Minneapolis College

I oppose the increase

"I can't afford it"

Samira, Normandale Community College



I oppose the increase

"I cant afford it"

Adam, Normandale Community College

I oppose the increase

"I can't afford college as it is its either my bills or tuition and I have 6 kids I'm raising with little to no support"

Mickie, Rochester Community and Technical College

I oppose the increase

"I cant afford a tuition increase. It is unfair to students and the cost of tuition is already too high."

dani, North Hennepin Community College

I oppose the increase

"I can't afford"

Hodan, Northland Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

"I cannot financially support a tuition increase along with the other out of pocket necessities for my college classes"

Chloe, Vermillion College

I oppose the increase

"I cannot afford. "The board members don't care about us nor do they understand why we can't afford college". I'm trying to go to college so I can afford my future and so I can afford to pay for my kid's college tuition"

Duncan, Rochester Community and Technical College

I oppose the increase

"I cannot afford tuition increase. In fact, many students won't be able to."

Mariyam, Anoka-Ramsey Community College



I oppose the increase

"I cannot afford tuition increase and if your solution is for students to get loans to pay for it, in the long run it hurts the student as well as the economy overall. We might as well drop out and just work two jobs versus trying to get an education that"

Pakou, Century College

I oppose the increase

"I cannot afford to pay that much!"

Natalea, Riverland Community College

I oppose the increase

"I cannot afford to pay more, I had to drop out once before and now i want to come back but if its too expensive I cant. I really want to get my degree but im struggling right now."

Saint, Anoka-Ramsey Community College

I oppose the increase

"I cannot afford to pay for college. I don't have any family that supports me."

Vanessa, Riverland Community College

I oppose the increase

"I cannot afford school as it is. Its so hard to prove you have no help and on top of that still jump through hoops of trying to get help financially from the school or fafsa while working full time. With the rates everywhere else increasing it feels impos"

EMILY, Dakota County Technical College

I oppose the increase

"i cannot afford it."

Noah, Normandale Community College

I oppose the increase

"I cannot afford it"

amy, Minnesota West Community & Technical College



I oppose the increase

"I cannot afford increased tuition"

Austin, Anoka-Ramsey Community College

I oppose the increase

"I cannot afford increase tuition because I am the first generation to go college and I am from middle class family."

Asmita, Century College

I oppose the increase

"I cannot afford another tuition increase."

Katie, Minnesota State Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

"I cannot afford another increase and compete for scholarships!"

Tarah, Inver Hills Community College

I oppose the increase

"I cannot afford an increase in tuition. It is already hard enough for me to pay what my tuition already is."

Madyson, Minnesota State Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

"I cannot afford an increase"

Julia, Itasca Community College

I oppose the increase

"I cannot afford a tuition increase. I am low income as is. We pay so much for college already with added fees, its insane to think a tuition increase would be good."

Brooke, Anoka Technical College



I oppose the increase

"I can't afford to pay more"

Jaycie, Northland Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

"I can't afford the tuition increase. I already struggling paying my tuition."

Orkun, Rochester Community and Technical College

I oppose the increase

"I can't afford the payment with high tuitions cost and I got other kids to take care of as well. Working part time"

Maxwell, Hennepin Technical College

I oppose the increase

"I can't afford paying more tuitions and I really want to get BSN degree without having a headache from the tuition."

Bloom, Normandale Community College

I oppose the increase

"I can't afford it as it is and with an increase even less. I don't get financial aid so that is not an option for me! My whole education is out of pocket!"

Naara, Anoka-Ramsey Community College

I oppose the increase

"I can't afford it"

Nafiso, Saint Paul College

I oppose the increase

"I can't afford it"

Elisabeth, Minneapolis College



I oppose the increase

"I can't afford another increase"

Victoria, Hennepin Technical College

I oppose the increase

"I can't afford an increase"

Markie, St. Cloud Technical & Community College

I oppose the increase

"I can't afford a tuition increase. Gas prices have gone up like crazy and the money I have saved up now wouldn't cover what I have been planning for. Good prices have gone up a lot too, and as a single person it's hard to get food at a decent price. Colle"

Anne, Alexandria Technical & Community College

I oppose the increase

"I can't afford"

Kevin, Normandale Community College

I oppose the increase

"I can't afford"

Moon, Century College

I oppose the increase

"I can not afford to pay student loans or take out anymore loans"

Patha, Century College

I oppose the increase

"I can not afford to pay more"

Larissa, Northland Community & Technical College



I oppose the increase

"I can not afford the increase. I'm working full time, supporting a young family, while trying to get my degree. These increases will make unattainable."

Carlana, St. Cloud Technical & Community College

I oppose the increase

"I can not afford the increase. I BARELY make it as is."

Ariana, Rochester Community and Technical College

I oppose the increase

"I can not afford the increase, nor can any other broke college student."

Sidney, Central Lakes College

I oppose the increase

"I can not afford it."

Anonymous, Minnesota State Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

"I can not afford it"

ahmed, Century College

I oppose the increase

"I can not afford college increase. I can barely afford to feed my kids, myself, and pay bills. Attending college is my only hope to give my kids and I a good future. I guess that will not be happening."

rebecca, Inver Hills Community College

I oppose the increase

"I can not afford an increase"

Kaylyn, Rochester Community and Technical College



I oppose the increase

"I can no longer afford a college education

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Sarah, Anoka-Ramsey Community College

I oppose the increase

"I can hardly pay for rent and groceries. School is my way of getting out of having to live my life pay check to pay check. If you increase the tuition you decrease the chances for people to live a better life."

Gavin, Minnesota State Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

"I can hardly afford tuition as it is. An increase no matter how big or small is make or break for a lot of students. The cost of living is at an all time high and I can hardly afford the cost of living, let alone education if it increases."

Cheyenne, Hennepin Technical College

I oppose the increase

"I can hardly afford tuition as it is WITH fafsa... I don't know how I would afford another increase.

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Amanda, Anoka Technical College

I oppose the increase

"I can hardly afford the gas to get back and forth to work/school. I also have children that are coming to college this year and it might come down to him or me. I cannot afford all the incidentals that come with going to school. Books, labs, food"

Michele, Anoka-Ramsey Community College

I oppose the increase

"I can hardly afford it the way it is. This country wants their citizens to be educated, but how can we do that when we can afford it, and it keeps increasing?"

Elizabeth, Ridgewater College

I oppose the increase

"I can barley afford to go to school and pay my bills now without taking out loans. If tuition is increased I will be forced to take out loans and then graduate in debt. Furthering your education is supposed to put



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you in a better position financially so t”
Raina, North Hennepin Community College



I oppose the increase

"I can barley afford it now.."

Alfredo, Minnesota State College Southeast

I oppose the increase

"I can barely take care of myself as it is. I have no family or financial supporter. I am already crushing under student debt and an increase is the LAST thing I need. I am seriously doing all I can to be able to improve my life and any roadblocks causes g"

Mekalah, Century College

I oppose the increase

"I can barely pay for college as it was."

Kasey, Northland Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

"I can barely afford tuition now if at all. Students are trying to better themselves and make something for there future and I don't think something as money should stand in the way of that. Especially if the people are needed!"

Tia, Rochester Community and Technical College

I oppose the increase

"I can barely afford tuition as it is."

Jared, Central Lakes College

I oppose the increase

"I can barely afford tuition as it is now."

Sommer, North Hennepin Community College

I oppose the increase

"I can barely afford tuition as is right now with how prices keep rising and my jobs pay have not."

Ashley, Inver Hills Community College



I oppose the increase

"i can barely afford to live right now with going to school full time being im not eligible for any assistance or help of any sort"

chasiy, Minnesota State Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

"I can barely afford to feed myself with having to pay every other crazy expense. I cant count how many times I have gone to bed hungry because i couldnt get food. I would hate to have to leave the college when I want to try to improve my living situation."

Sophia, Ridgewater College

I oppose the increase

"I can barely afford the tuition I pay right now."

Celena, Ridgewater College

I oppose the increase

"I can barely afford school as it is. I'm having to choose between paying for school or paying for living expenses. Do I want to study this semester or use my heating/air conditioning? Do I want to study this semester or pay my car loan and insurance. Do I"

Tristen, St. Cloud Technical & Community College

I oppose the increase

"I can barely afford it currently."

Jennifer, Minnesota State College Southeast

I oppose the increase

"i can barely afford it as it is"

Jocelyne, Normandale Community College

I oppose the increase

"I can barely afford college now being a single mom of 3 kids & having to still work while going to school. People go to community colleges because it's more affordable.

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Maryssa, Rainy River Community College



I oppose the increase

“I can barely afford college as it is, an increase would be unmanageable”

Allison, Saint Paul College

I oppose the increase

“I can barely afford collage as it is. I’ve considered dropping out last year because of the costs and because I’m paying for collage by myself. With inflation as it is right now, the cost of everything is going up at ridiculous rates but our wages have st”

Brittney, Northwest Technical College

I oppose the increase

“I can already not afford college and I don’t think we should have to struggle to pay for college. Why should wanting to gain more knowledge cost us so much.”

Caleb, Central Lakes College

I support the increase

“I can afford the increase, and realize that other students may not be able to. Hopefully this will require students to take a firm look at what they are spending there money on and have enough "skin in the game" to put full effort into their studies. Mo”

Daniel, Minneapolis College

I oppose the increase

“i can afford it now i need my education and a single mother at raised her children and went back to college and with pandemic hitting really changed alot and mostly my income”

Iaressa, North Hennepin Community College

I oppose the increase

“I came to community college because I could not afford tuition at a state university. The community college allowed me to get a certificate which allowed me to get a Good paying job while they attend St. Cloud State University.”

Ashton, Minneapolis College

I oppose the increase

“I believe that this will decrease the amount of students that will consider pursuing a career because of the lack of funds that they have. Not everyone is given a job that has good pay. Not everyone has parents that will cover their tuition. I think you w”

Jennifer, South Central College



I oppose the increase

"I believe that increasing the cost of education would make it difficult for the poorer students to get the education they deserve."

Tyler, St. Cloud Technical & Community College

I oppose the increase

"I believe most of the student cannot afford based on the last few years effect. Covid19 Effect the economy of the country some lost their jobs. So, I believe increasing tuition is not good Idea."

abdulrazak, Anoka Technical College

I oppose the increase

"I believe it is unnecessary to have a tuition increase because I have never seen any major difference that tuition increase makes. Students deal with some of the worst overworked professors that over complicate course work but yet tuition increases don't"

Mariam, Anoka-Ramsey Community College

I oppose the increase

"I believe increasing tuition costs will hinder individuals from pursuing further education. I personally worked 30 hours during my entire last school year and still struggled to make ends meet."

Lindsey, Minnesota State Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

"i barely have the money to pay for tuition NOW. so if an increase did occur, i would have to drop out. i"

samaree, Saint Paul College

I oppose the increase

"I barely get enough financial aid to cover my costs and still be able to support myself"

Rosemarie, South Central College

I oppose the increase

"I attend Century College because I want to have an accessible and fair educational experience. But I worry that the tuition increase will mean I can no longer attend classes. I love the classes offered at Century College, but if I can no longer afford my"

Charlotte, Century College



I oppose the increase

"I attend a community college because of their low tuition rates. It gives me an opportunity to achieve the career that I dream of, nursing. I have been offered many tuition packets from several universities around the twin cities, but I had to reject them"

Tiyyaa, North Hennepin Community College

I oppose the increase

"I appose the increase as it makes it more difficult for me to afford schooling to follow a new career path. It seems unnecessary after several years of financial hardship on the country as a whole, not to mention the cost of living increase due to inflati"

Gabrielle, Minneapolis College

I oppose the increase

"I and others in my class cannot afford an increase in our tuition. Speaking for myself, I have budgeted my life savings throughout the pandemic to ensure that I have a specific amount savings dedicated to my future college expenses. Now, I have to reasses"

Skye, Minneapolis College

I oppose the increase

"I am working while going to school and can just make ends meet with the price of it now."

Kalli, Minnesota State Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

"I am working to put myself through school and an increase would mean my studies would suffer because I would have to work more. I also would be forced to weigh my options to see if I could complete my program for a more reasonable rate somewhere else."

Wes, Rochester Community and Technical College

I oppose the increase

"I am working part time and my program does not allow me to take extra hours if I want to success in my classes. The average credits taken is 13-18 credits."

Angelica, Normandale Community College

I oppose the increase

"I am working full time just to afford my minimum payments for tuition and if tuition increases I will be forced to drop out because I won't be able to afford it."

Hattie, St. Cloud Technical & Community College



I oppose the increase

"I am struggling to pay for food for my kids. I am trying to better myself so I can afford more. Paying for gas to drive to college is hard enough to pay for let alone another expense. I cannot afford it."

Stephanie, Central Lakes College

I oppose the increase

"I am struggling to make ends meet with all the price increases on essentials like food and gas. A tuition increase does nothing for me except make it more difficult to continue my education."

Shane, Normandale Community College

I oppose the increase

"I am struggling to find ways to pay for one class this summer already.

I have thought about dropping out this upcoming fall 2022 due to worrying about affordability.

I note that I am going to Century College but I am taking a summer course at Winona to f"

MiVang, Century College

I oppose the increase

"I am still recovering from Covid19 and my family and I are still struggling paying for food and rent."

Faiza, Saint Paul College

I oppose the increase

"I am someone who struggles with money and I appreciate that I can afford to go to college at the current tuition rate."

Katie, Pine Technical and Community College

I oppose the increase

"I am shocked hearing the board's decision to increase tuition. The virus has already had significant negative impact on our lives and considering the facts many students have lost their job, it's going to be hurtful to some of us that are still paying tui"

Gregory, Dakota County Technical College

I oppose the increase

"I am physically challenged. College is my chance at getting a good job and being independent. But as it is, I make very little. I can't afford College as is. I'm borrowing money from family to make ends meet.

Increasing College tuition feels like the sta"

Rachel, St. Cloud Technical & Community College



I oppose the increase

"I am paying out of pocket immediately for school. My employer reimbursement is a small amount, so the more tuition goes up, the less help I'll get and more out of pocket I pay overall."

Caren, Normandale Community College

I oppose the increase

"I am paying for school out of pocket by working as close to full-time as my class schedule will allow. Over the past year my funds have been drained significantly and I am just trying to squeak by my last couple of semesters without having to take on stud"

Kyle, Dakota County Technical College

I oppose the increase

"I am paying for school out of pocket - no loans or scholarships. I can only afford to take two classes at a time (if I am lucky) this increase would not be helpful for my success. I work fulltime and have three children so I already am limited on the amou"

Nikki, North Hennepin Community College

I oppose the increase

"I am paying for my own college, and an increase in tuition will make it much harder and much more stressful on me. This could also cause my mental health to decline with the added stress."

Gracie, Alexandria Technical & Community College

I oppose the increase

"I am paying for college on my own, the more I have to pay the more pressure on me."

Madelyn, Anoka-Ramsey Community College

I oppose the increase

"I am paying for college myself and if it increases it will wipe my savings out"

Kaden, Northland Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

"I am opposed to the tuition increase because college is already prohibitively expensive, and the increase will result in a significant decrease in student enrollment. Many people who want to do great things to improve their lives are unable to do so becau"

Anonymous, North Hennepin Community College



I oppose the increase

"I am opposed because the school already makes so much money and rips us off every single day, it's ridiculous."

Leah, Ridgewater College

I oppose the increase

"I am only able to attend college purely thanks to scholarships. My mother is disabled and my father works in a grocery store so any further increases will make college more inaccessible to lower income households. Furthermore it promotes predatory loan pr"

Jacob, Century College

I oppose the increase

"I AM ON A FIXED MONTHLY INCOME."

BERNICIA, Anoka-Ramsey Community College

I oppose the increase

"I am not able to work a full time job and pay for school if the tuition increase I may not be able to afford to pay my tuition."

Ashlee, Northland Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

"I am living off student loans with my 11 year old, barely surviving and trying to finish my degree after putting it off for a decade to work in order to live. 150 dollars is 3 different bills for me, it's 3 weeks of groceries if I stretch it... The strugg"

Ivonne, Anoka-Ramsey Community College

I oppose the increase

"I am literally impoverished and am going to school so I can finally get a job to not be. This increase could mean the difference to eating or not. I understand to those who have tons of money running the schools might not see \$500 as a lot of money, but t"

Lena, Normandale Community College

I oppose the increase

"I am from a large family with low income, so I cannot afford tuition increase."

Mohamed, Normandale Community College



I oppose the increase

"I am employed full time to support my 4 children, while I pay out of pocket to further my education. A tuition increase would push me to drop out. That money is reserved to support my family."

Kelsey, St. Cloud Technical & Community College

I oppose the increase

"I am done with one of four semesters in South Central Colleges ASN program. I could hardly afford to live spring of 22. If tuition increases AGAIN I will withdraw from school or have to go on section 8 and other social services. I am also chronically ill."

Charlotte, South Central College

I oppose the increase

"I am disabled and would like to continue taking classes without a tuition increase."

anna, Saint Paul College

I oppose the increase

"I am currently working part-time and attending college as a half and full-time student. I support myself in college as I pay for my own tuition costs and other fees. An increase in tuition fees will make it difficult for me to continue my college career b"

Catalina, North Hennepin Community College

I oppose the increase

"I am currently taking classes that have 0% impact on how I do my job in the field. Increasing how much I have to pay to take classes that I have zero interest in would make it harder for me to truly want to be in school."

Andrew, Minnesota State College Southeast

I oppose the increase

"I am currently paying out of pocket and I work two jobs as it is. If tuition goes up I will not be able to continue my college education."

Janice, Minnesota West Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

"I am currently enrolled at MCTC and if the tuition cost goes up at all, I will not be able to afford to continue my education."

Kristen, Minneapolis College



I oppose the increase

"I am broke"

Chayeng, Century College

I oppose the increase

"I am barely able to pay for the tuition as it is, paying for more may make me unable to pay to finish my degree."

Bonnie, Hennepin Technical College

I oppose the increase

"I am barely able to afford college tuition as is. I cannot afford an increase. The cost of living is expensive, food is expensive, transportation is expensive, an increase in my tuition payments would just push me further down a hole and make it hard for"

Dejonique, Normandale Community College

I oppose the increase

"I am already working to make ends meet and an increase will make it all that much harder. Work and school balance will be disrupted and we all need shelter and food to survive. Please don't make it harder..."

Susan, Minnesota State Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

"I am already struggling to pay tuition and other bills on top of school. I have a job but it's difficult to work extra hours with schoolwork. I luckily have several benefits but I still struggle so an increase would make this more difficult for me."

Michaela, South Central College

I oppose the increase

"I am already struggling to pay for college tuition while taking out loans and working. This increase will just cause more stress onto my life and possibly put my education on hold."

aleah, Ridgewater College

I oppose the increase

"I am already struggling to make the current tuition rates. I already have to take less classes than I would like to just because I can't afford to pay for more. A tuition increase would slow down the process of me completing my degree even further."

Riona, Normandale Community College



I oppose the increase

"I am already struggling to keep my head above water with bills, rent, tuition increases would cause me to have to drop out of school. Please don't do this to us!"

Teresa, Century College

I oppose the increase

"I am already struggling to afford courses as it is"

Darlene, Minnesota State Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

"I am already in a ton of debt because tuition is so overpriced."

Kelly, Anoka Technical College

I oppose the increase

"I am already a single working mom going to school and trying to afford everything especially with the rent increase as well, I simply would not be able to afford it"

Olivia, St. Cloud Technical & Community College

I oppose the increase

"I am against the increase because I am the only one in my household with a taxable income as my husband is a disabled veteran. An increase would mean more student loan money and longer to pay them off. Most people going to community college make less than"

Ashley, Riverland Community College

I oppose the increase

"I am a very low income student, and anything FAFSA doesn't pay for I have to pay with the little I have."

Amber, Minneapolis College

I oppose the increase

"I am a student, and it is ridiculous that people in America can't go to a community college for free. I can't understand what the government does with all the money they rake in and their huge budget surplus that they just horde."

Greg, Century College



I oppose the increase

“I am a student who is working a full time career job along with a part time job to support myself financially to pay for my schooling as I do not have joint income. I do not qualify for financial aid and with the way inflation currently is affecting the e”

Alexa, Minnesota State Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

“I am a single parent working full time trying to better myself, but as tuition increases the chances of being able to afford tuition goes down. If I can't finish school, I'll be in debt with no degree. Which would put me even farther down than I'd like to”

Nicole, Alexandria Technical & Community College

I oppose the increase

“I am a single mother putting myself through college. Increasing tuition would force me to make sacrifices, ultimately taking livelihood away from my children”

Annie, Normandale Community College

I oppose the increase

“I am a single mother of 3 kids under the age of 7 and going to school full time. It's already hard enough affording school.”

Brianna, Inver Hills Community College

I oppose the increase

“I am a single mother and can barely afford education now. I'm already in a lot of debt as a homeowner and have to get loans to continue to go to school hence I can't afford it”

Quetzali, Normandale Community College

I oppose the increase

“I am a single mother and a full-time nursing student. Due to the hefty course load of my program, I am not able to work very often during the school year. I work as many hours as I can during the summer and rely heavily on financial aid to bridge the gap”

Paige, Century College

I oppose the increase

“I am a single mom, and it is already SO HARD to make ends meet during inflation.”

Cassandra, Rochester Community and Technical College



I oppose the increase

"I am a single mom who is in college, and this year both of my children start college as well. A tuition increase would make it so at least one of us would have to put our college education the back burner. I don't want to force any of us to make that choice"

Rebecca, Anoka-Ramsey Community College

I oppose the increase

"I am a senior citizen and can't afford more."

Marilynn, Mesabi Range College

I oppose the increase

"I am a non traditional student going to school full time and working full time just to make ends meet. Financially, I will be putting myself into SIGNIFICANTLY more debt just to complete the degree I decided to pursue. The increase will force me to take more"

Mikaela, North Hennepin Community College

I oppose the increase

"I am a mother/ wife that barely can go paycheck to paycheck paying for bills and necessities for my family while going to school."

Jolissa, Alexandria Technical & Community College

I oppose the increase

"I am a low income student, with no help from family members to pay for college. I rely heavily on scholarships and Minnesota State Grants to fund my education, as well as my position as a college work study. Unless, the grants increase as well, I may not"

Lainey, Central Lakes College

I oppose the increase

"I am a lady that works a low-paid job to support all my living expenses while learning to have a better and well paid job. Now, if there an increase on tuition fees, I will drop from my planned courses and stop going to school."

Catherine, Century College

I oppose the increase

"I am a kid that does not have help from no one and taking out loans is going to be more I have to work to pay off. I want a better future but I am going to be stuck in debt. How is this fair for anyone???"

Monika, Minnesota State Community & Technical College



I oppose the increase

"I am a full time college student with 4 horses and two dogs, I pay for all my own stuff and can barely afford to live as it is, if tuition increases, I'd much rather just get into an apprenticeship program with a company that finish out my last year."

Alex, Minnesota State Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

"I am a distance learning student so I wonder what increasing tuition will go to? If it is reasonable, I would like to support it, like the salary for instructors or staff. However, I do not use most facility in the school so I will like to know if th"

Yen, Northland Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

"I am a college student working as hard as I can to provide for myself and still need assistance. My financial aid doesn't cover all my tuition and I will be out of luck if the increase goes through"

Taylor, Minnesota State Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

"I am a college student with a lot of money in debt. I went to a community college for cheaper class rates, at this point, I feel like I am paying for a 4-year university price."

Camryn, Anoka-Ramsey Community College

I oppose the increase

"I am a college student who is independent and provides for my family so it can be hard for me to afford school while making sure other needs and responsibilities are met."

karina, Minneapolis College

I oppose the increase

"I am a college student paying for tuition out of pocket and that is very challenging to do already."

Ellie, Ridgewater College

I oppose the increase

"I am 18 years old, I do not have enough money saved up to pay for college, I would like college to be affordable."

Schmitz, Alexandria Technical & Community College



I oppose the increase

"I already work long hours and barely have time for school last semester, if it increases then I would have to work more and suffer grade drops. Also I am afraid that other students might have to do the same."

Angel, Hibbing Community College

I oppose the increase

"I already struggle with money, trying to get my degree has been hard financially and an increase would mean I would have to drop out."

Riona, North Hennepin Community College

I oppose the increase

"I already struggle to pay what I already do, a rise in tuition could be a deal breaker for me. I may have to stop going to college for awhile so I will be able to afford it."

Teaira, Minnesota State Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

"I already struggle to pay rent and buy groceries. I can only have a part time job on top of my studies."

Allysa, Normandale Community College

I oppose the increase

"I already struggle to get by financially. With the help of grants and other aid I've been able to continue my education, but I fall further and further behind. Because education is my only option, this means I lose funds for medical care, which I already"

Jon, Minneapolis College

I oppose the increase

"I already struggle to afford college, and that doesn't include the cost of course materials like books or the cost of a 30 minute drive to campus."

Brandon, Anoka Technical College

I oppose the increase

"I already owe enough on student loans and my next class I have to pay out of pocket."

Holly Rudh, LPN, St. Cloud Technical & Community College



I oppose the increase

"I already have trouble paying tuition as is. Another increase will just make it harder. I work part time and take as many classes as I can handle. I take classes year round. With bill and tuition it's gets hard to pay for necessities."

Lexis, Anoka-Ramsey Community College

I oppose the increase

"I already have to take out numerous loans to pay for school, I can't afford to take out anymore loans to pay for tuition if there is a tuition increase. It is already so expensive for me and other students to attend college. They are going to make it near"

Kaylie, Northland Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

"I already find it hard to pay for classes. The prices have already increased and I can't keep going deeper into credit card debt. I have myself and a family to support and tuition keeps increasing, it's not okay to keep charging people more and more when"

Alexandria, Rochester Community and Technical College

I oppose the increase

"I already couldn't afford college before the increase."

Alexa, Anoka-Ramsey Community College

I oppose the increase

"I already can't afford to go to college and with an increase, I may not be able to finish."

Nicole, Northland Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

"I already can't afford college. Increasing the price of tuition will make it harder for me, and hundreds of thousands of others to be able to get an education. If many people can't get an education, there will be less people able to fill very much needed"

Grayson, Saint Paul College

I oppose the increase

"I already cannot afford to attend college without taking out loans. Adding more money to the loans that I'll have to pay off the majority of the rest of my life makes the future seem very dim, if I'm being frank."

Haley, Normandale Community College



I oppose the increase

"I already can't afford college increasing it would make it unaffordable as it already is"
Iyonna, Minnesota State Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

"I already am struggling to pay the tuition of a few classes, I can't afford an increase!"
Logan, Inver Hills Community College

I oppose the increase

"I absolutely oppose this, it's hard enough as it is to get into the middle class."
Michael, Anoka-Ramsey Community College

I oppose the increase

"How can a student afford schooling with another hike?"
Heather, Minnesota State Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

"Housing market is insane. Car market is insane. Gas prices are insane. Shortages are everywhere. All prices are rising & wages are not. Jobs, even simple ones, are beginning to require at least AA degrees. How are people supposed to live & survive in a wo"
Haylie, Ridgewater College

I oppose the increase

"Higher tuition means more loans. I will be less likely to return if tuition increases."
Emily, Saint Paul College

I oppose the increase

"Higher education is expensive enough. Driving more student debt is not something I support."
Melissa, Hennepin Technical College



I oppose the increase

“Having to work while putting yourself through college is barely manageable as is”

Sadie, South Central College

I oppose the increase

“having to pay more within the last 18 months is ridiculous, especially as a single mom struggling to make ends meet and provide a better life for me and my daughter”

Cara, Minneapolis College

I oppose the increase

“having an increase on tuition can have an affect on my family.”

Dulce, Ridgewater College

I oppose the increase

“Hard for individuals to afford college along with all other expenses”

Faith, Central Lakes College

I oppose the increase

“Hard enough to try and afford tuition, people go to a lower tuition college so they can get the education they need.”

Ashley, St. Cloud Technical & Community College

I oppose the increase

“Going to a community college is most beneficial for me because of the lower tuition rate. With an increase, it makes things more difficult to afford.”

Rachael, Inver Hills Community College

I oppose the increase

“Given the fact college is already difficult to pay for and survive as it is, I would never support a tuition increase. Every other price in society is raising as it is from rent to energy bills. People go to college so that they may one day be able to aff”

Alex, St. Cloud Technical & Community College



I oppose the increase

“Given the circumstance that the majority of classes are being conducted online and our country is continuously experiencing inflation throughout the year, I myself and many other students I know are financially struggling to keep up with our living expenses”

JESSICA, Inver Hills Community College

I oppose the increase

“getting way to expensive”

Brandon, Anoka Technical College

I oppose the increase

“Getting more expensive and loans”

Benjamin, Rochester Community and Technical College

I oppose the increase

“Getting an education to further your current knowledge should not be this expensive”

River, Minnesota State Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

“Getting a college education is expensive enough already and student debt is hindering those after graduation.”

SARAH, Minnesota State Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

“Generational poor immigrant family with no one to rely on except for taking loans or applying for grants”

Nonenee, North Hennepin Community College

I oppose the increase

“General inflation is making cost of everything very difficult to afford, decisions need to be made between the wants of the future, and needs of the current.”

James, Inver Hills Community College



I oppose the increase

“Gasoline and too many other expense.”

Cha, Hennepin Technical College

I oppose the increase

“Gas prices and food are going up how can we afford more prices going up. I’m trying to go to school for a better life but when it keeps going up it starts to become something impossible.”

Kaitlin, Normandale Community College

I oppose the increase

“Gas is expensive enough. How do you expect students to get to college and pay tuition? How do you expect them to eat nutritious meals?”

Zoey, Minnesota West Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

“Furthering my education is already a costly thing that made me second guess going back to school in the past. I work full time and have a child while paying day to day bills that are rapidly increasing while my income is not. I knew furthering my education!”

Kayla, Northland Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

“Fortunately this increase does not affect me but I know it will affect most of my peers. Students should not have to pay for a higher education; the United States economy is extremely exclusive and inefficient as a whole.”

Kat, Saint Paul College

I oppose the increase

“For what reason no brain”

No, Normandale Community College

I oppose the increase

“For my program, I have to drive to clinicals 4/5 of the week days. I end up having to fill up my tank 3 times a week, around \$70 each time for a total of \$210 weekly. I simply just cannot afford spending any more money than I already am.”

Katie, Minnesota West Community & Technical College



I oppose the increase

“Food, gas and school loan interest rates are increasing significantly. I can’t afford any more debt and loan debt. School indebtedness will have to go.”

John, Inver Hills Community College

I oppose the increase

“Financial situations of most students in my current generation is struggling to make ends meet, including myself. I was neglectful of my prior studies due to preparing and recently raising a newborn child. I need the tuition rate that my government aid al”

Daniel, Hennepin Technical College

I oppose the increase

“financial reasons”

Ezeruo, Hennepin Technical College

I oppose the increase

“Financial liabilities and problems paying. With no impact of improving the facilities and staff”

Owen, Rochester Community and Technical College

I oppose the increase

“Financial aid helps a LITTLE but the majority of students pay out of pocket like myself. I have been working over 40hrs per week as well as attending school fulltime all through fall, spring, and summer. The increase in tuition as well as in increase of s”

Sarah, Anoka-Ramsey Community College

I oppose the increase

“Finances are tight at the moment and inflation is making it more difficult.”

Philip, Normandale Community College

I oppose the increase

“Expensive enough as it is.”

Katelyn, Anoka-Ramsey Community College



I oppose the increase

“Expenses are becoming harder to pay for in recent times- an increase in tuition will only further the burden.”

Ciera, Normandale Community College

I oppose the increase

“everything is so expensive right now we can barely live as is. although i will return, i wont be happy about what i have to pay for out of pocket. i'm going to college to make a better life for myself and it's hard to find motivation to do so when i can h”

kyleigh, Riverland Community College

I oppose the increase

“Everything is going up and people were barely able to afford college before. What was the point of coming to community college if not spending less money for quality education?”

Olukunle, North Hennepin Community College

I oppose the increase

“Everything is getting too expensive. We can barely stay afloat now the way it is! Thank you God for everything we owe it all to him. Financial help has been a life saver.”

Rebekah, Alexandria Technical & Community College

I oppose the increase

“Everything is expensive and you could barley spend any money but only on gas and going to work and school”

Nathan, Normandale Community College

I oppose the increase

“Everything is already expensive and hard for people with less opportunities!”

Kimberly, Century College

I support the increase

“Everything has increased in price lately - it's called inflation. To not keep up with the rate of inflation is essentially a rate decrease.

The argument used, “that students report they drop out because of tuition”, needs to be studied rather than taken”

Marv, St. Cloud Technical & Community College



I oppose the increase

“Everything has increased already being a student I cannot afford it to begin with, as I am a single mother of three children, trying to make a better living.”

Jessica, Central Lakes College

I oppose the increase

“Everything has gone up - food, gas, housing. All of the essentials. When I signed up for a two year program, I budgeted for a certain amount of tuition. I disagree with another increase. I only have one semester of school left or I would transfer to a”

Gail, Northwest Technical College

I oppose the increase

“Everything has become more expensive these last few years - food, clothes, gas. I want to continue my education, but it's hard enough as it is to afford it. I already have school loans I'm paying on because I was forced to drop out in 2020, and I also hav”

Moriah, Rochester Community and Technical College

I oppose the increase

“Everything goes up in during this time, students need education, not need tuition increase.”

Hoang, Anoka-Ramsey Community College

I oppose the increase

“Everything from food, gas, rent/purchasing a home is increasing at rates we can barely keep up with let alone many of us are struggling to pay our bills as it is. An increase in tuition will only push more students to stop attending. College is expensive”

Cierra, North Hennepin Community College

I oppose the increase

“Everything else is increasing so much in price, why make it hareder to obtain an education?”

Isabel, South Central College

I oppose the increase

“Everything else is expensive and if college kids were broke in 2020, they will be homeless this year.”

Abby, Ridgewater College



I oppose the increase

“everything else in my life has already increased in cost and my wage has not gone up. I cannot afford a increase in tuition and may effect my ability to complete my degree.”

Patrick, Normandale Community College

I oppose the increase

“everyone knows how difficult it can be sometimes for a student to pay for college, living on campus or off so why continue to increase tuition? many students like myself rely a lot on financial aid to be able to afford to go to college and get ourselves a”

Genna, Northwest Technical College

I oppose the increase

“Everyone is affected by pandemic. There is no increase in the minimum wage and everything is increasing from gas to food, housing and even Utilities. This is too much!”

Erika, Rochester Community and Technical College

I oppose the increase

“Everyone I know including myself is paying at least half of their tuition out of their own pockets and working during the school year to pay it. I myself am paying 100% of my tuition out of pocket with no help from my parents and for the last two years I”

Rebecca, Normandale Community College

I oppose the increase

“Every small amount of increase to tuition or educational costs are harmful and have a negative impact on students. Young people do not see the impact of these costs until later, when they see their student loan statements and bills pile up, interest conti”

Emma, Century College

I oppose the increase

“Even with better scholarships from the deans list and FAFSA, I can barely afford school already. It would be likely that I would have to drop out if tuition increased.”

Allicia, Anoka Technical College

I oppose the increase

“Even a small increase makes it harder to afford college when the budget is this tight.”

Mark, Saint Paul College



I oppose the increase

“Even a small increase can be a big impact for people on a limited income balancing school and work.”
Erin, St. Cloud Technical & Community College

I oppose the increase

“Even 185\$ can be too much and prevent a student from continuing their education. \$185 is 18 hours of labor in a single week at the MN state's minimum wage-- which is over half a weeks pay for a part time working student and nearly half a weeks pay for a f”
Ryley, Central Lakes College

I oppose the increase

“Especially with the pandemic, people are having issues paying to live let alone paying for college. ANY type of increase will negatively affect students. Community college is a good alternative to university but it does not mean it's cheap. Majority of pe”
Emma, Normandale Community College

I oppose the increase

“Education shouldn't have a price tag.”
Brendan, Normandale Community College

I oppose the increase

“Education should not throw students into crippling debt. The increase is unnecessary and jeopardizes many students' ability to continue their education.”
Grace, Anoka-Ramsey Community College

I oppose the increase

“Education should not be expensive”
Justin, Century College

I oppose the increase

“Education should be free and there's absolutely no reason for there to be YET ANOTHER increase. I go to school to learn and better myself and I may not be able to continue due to high tuitions.”
Carina, Saint Paul College



I oppose the increase

“Education should be as available as food and water, allowing more people to get an education will essentially support the economy.”

gabriella, Dakota County Technical College

I oppose the increase

“education should be affordable for everyone”

Nora, Anoka-Ramsey Community College

I oppose the increase

“Education should be affordable for all, increasing tuition would prevent potential students from enrolling”

Alijha, Riverland Community College

I oppose the increase

“Education should be accessible to everyone of any level of income.”

Ryley, Central Lakes College

I oppose the increase

“Education should be accesible not a luxury”

José, Century College

I oppose the increase

“Education quality does not change and no different from other years. Not affordable.”

Ann, Saint Paul College

I oppose the increase

“Education is already more expensive than is affordable for most students, and especially during a pandemic and economic crisis. I also live off of SSI and a tuition increase would make it substantially harder to support myself.”

Madaleine, Normandale Community College



I oppose the increase

“Education is already expensive enough, I value teachers and staff but there comes a point where people just can’t afford it anymore and I don’t want that to happen, to me or anyone else trying to further their education.”

Jack, St. Cloud Technical & Community College

I oppose the increase

“Education is already expensive and overpriced! I don't think increasing the cost per credit will increase the amount of students nor will it increase the value of education. You would be taking away the accessibility and affordability of education away fr”

Heather, Century College

I oppose the increase

“Education is a blessing to have. Money is so hard so many of us and increasing tuition could cause (myself included) to drop out of school because of such high costs.”

Jen, North Hennepin Community College

I oppose the increase

“Education can already be costly for many, increasing tuition pushes those who are less economically fortunate away from pursuing higher education.”

patrick, Rochester Community and Technical College

I oppose the increase

“Due to the rising costs of goods,gas and not increasing our wages. It is already hard for people to afford things plus school. Why try to increase school tuition for people to have a education and build a career? This is why I oppose this decision.”

Caila, Riverland Community College

I oppose the increase

“Don’t have help from parents pay for myself”

Aalyse, Alexandria Technical & Community College

I oppose the increase

“Dollar is too expensive and International students can only work 20h/week to support themselves besides the money the own on their country. So any increase is not good.”

Joatan, Century College



I oppose the increase

“Does this mean the hormel scholarship won’t cover this”

Axel, Riverland Community College

I oppose the increase

“Definitely NOT surplus we have greedy”

Tamara, Saint Paul College

I oppose the increase

“Currently, I can barely afford community college tuition, and as my wages stay stagnant while prices of everything continue to rise, a tuition increase could very well close the coffin lid on my dreams of pursuing higher education.”

Chris, Normandale Community College

I oppose the increase

“Currently still dealing with the spikes of covid spreading throughout the state and the fact that tuition is going to be higher during a pandemic?!?! How ridiculous. Please think in the eyes of a student, many of us have to work as well to support ourselv”

Naysheli, Normandale Community College

I oppose the increase

“Costs would be prohibitive and I would have to drop out of my program. General inflation hurts my financial abilities to attend as it is.”

Jamie, Dakota County Technical College

I oppose the increase

“Costs are already astronomical and I'm already in a surplus amount of debt as it is. I'm a single mom with minimal help barely able to feed my kid trying to get my degree so things can be better for us.”

Briana, Century College

I oppose the increase

“Cost of living is going up but the peoples paychecks.”

Xee, North Hennepin Community College



I oppose the increase

“Cost of living is expensive now. Most of students don’t actually have much money to afford it. Now school fees is expensive too how they can live and study. I feel so bad about this”

Sang, Century College

I oppose the increase

“Cost of living is also increasing and I and other people my age are going to struggle to keep up with the constant increases. Meaning people will need to pick up more time at jobs or even another job or 2 just to keep up which will impact academic capabil”

Ally, Minnesota State Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

“Cost of living is already high and to increase school tuition as well when more jobs are requiring education does not make sense”

Hlee, Century College

I oppose the increase

“Cost of living has increased dramatically in the past year. Inflation is soaring and people wont be able to afford college if the price of tuition increases alongside the other things I mentioned.”

Raees, Anoka-Ramsey Community College

I oppose the increase

“Community/Tech schools should not have tuition PERIOD.”

Tanya, Northland Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

“Community colleges are the only alternative to state universities for those who can't afford to attend them. Increasing the price of tuition prevents people from obtaining an education on the basis of their incomes leaving many low and middle icome indivi”

Jenna, Central Lakes College

I oppose the increase

“Community colleges are the cheapest option for many marginalized groups and this is totally unfair because this would be the third increase. After the start of the pandemic many of us have been left with less money than we used to have.”

Missy, Minneapolis College



I oppose the increase

“Community College should be a cheaper alternative to those who want a secondary education past high school but don't want to break the bank. Also community colleges would see a decrease in student enrollment and continuing education enrollment if they inc”

Nickolai, Inver Hills Community College

I oppose the increase

“Community college is supposed to be the affordable option, these tuition increases show that the institutions don't care about education, only about money.”

Emma, Anoka-Ramsey Community College

I oppose the increase

“Community college is supposed to be an affordable alternative to “prestigious” private education. Tuition is already expensive as a community college student. Many of us are trying to make ends meet as well as attend school to afford a better job. A tuiti”

JoBeth, North Hennepin Community College

I oppose the increase

“Community college is supposed to be affordable”

Anthony, Itasca Community College

I oppose the increase

“Community college is supposed an affordable and flexible way to attend college. With a 3.5% increase it become less affordable to attend.”

Gabrielle, Hibbing Community College

I oppose the increase

“Community college is perceived as a cheaper option when compared to 4 year universities. constantly increasing the tuition will decrease enrollment and increase dropout rates.”

Talance, Normandale Community College

I oppose the increase

“Community college is my only options due to financial issues, but increasing it would make it harder to continue my studies.”

Miguel, Century College



I oppose the increase

“Community college is an opportunity for students of all backgrounds to get a secondary education. By increasing costs, it makes education inaccessible for many eager students.”

alaina, Century College

I oppose the increase

“Community college is an easier way for individuals to afford a post secondary education, raising the tuition puts more people in a thought situation without the possibility of paying for schooling.”

Sammi, Normandale Community College

I oppose the increase

“College, even community college is expense enough as is. I need every penny I can get to afford groceries, medication, etc. Even a small hike in tuition can have a huge impact.”

Gavin, Normandale Community College

I oppose the increase

“College tuition is already very expensive, I cut corners very paycheck to live a life while earning an education. Once I graduate I won’t see a large rate of annual income in my degree field. Leaving me with a large debt to pay off for years to come.”

Shelby, Rochester Community and Technical College

I oppose the increase

“College tuition is already expensive enough, increasing it will deter students from going to college”

Andrew, Century College

I oppose the increase

“College tuition is already are to afford, an increase would make that even more hard. Also with the fact that the cost of living has increased immensely, it is hard to get by as it is.”

Amy, St. Cloud Technical & Community College

I oppose the increase

“College students like me across the country and the state chose to attend community colleges specifically to avoid needing to pay massive tuition fees and take on unnecessary debt. What is the point of any of this if community college slowly becomes just”

Joshua, North Hennepin Community College



I oppose the increase

“College students have other expenses they have to worry about. For example housing, food, clothes, transportation, school supplies, books, gas money, etc. There’s so much a student has to worry about and not everyone can afford college also students are a”

Sheila, Rochester Community and Technical College

I oppose the increase

“College students are some of the people that struggle the most with money. Making schooling cost more when many have to pay for it themselves is not something we should be doing.”

Paige, Anoka-Ramsey Community College

I oppose the increase

“College students already pay so much for tuition per semester, and increasing it will make it even harder for some students to pay it. For me, when they increased the tuition during my first spring semester, I had to take out another loan to help pay for”

Taylor, Northland Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

“College should be free”

Samuel, Alexandria Technical & Community College

I oppose the increase

“College should be an affordable option for everyone and tutuion increase affect the population which can afford to attend”

Olivia, Minnesota State Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

“College should be affordable to all, there's a reason why some people choose to go to a community college over university. Its more affordable.”

Kevin, Saint Paul College

I oppose the increase

“College should be affordable for everyone. Not everyone can afford college as it is without going into debt. This increase will hold people back from being able to go on into life leaving countless of jobs and positions unfulfilled.”

Aislinn, Minnesota State Community & Technical College



I oppose the increase

“College needs to be free for all students.”

Isaac, South Central College

I oppose the increase

“College kids are already struggling to afford a new way of life, don’t make it harder.”

Cheyenne, Normandale Community College

I oppose the increase

“College itself is already expensive and having a technical college that’s suppose to be more affordable for us with low incomes house holds. We shouldn’t have to choose between eating or tuition or homelessness or tuition just to make something of ourselv”

Kiela, Minnesota State Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

“College is very expensive. College students have to work during the school year to pay for their immediate expenses and their college, and it is very stressful. They shouldnt be required to pay anymore then they already do.”

Gloria, Anoka-Ramsey Community College

I oppose the increase

“College is unaffordable for many students. If there is an increase in the tuition, it may discourage students from wanting to continue college as they may not be able to pay the tuition. My parents are immigrants and have never been able to continue their”

Lily, North Hennepin Community College

I oppose the increase

“College is too expensive as it is, the wages are stagnant, and cost of living is going higher.”

Phia, Minnesota State Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

“College is too expensive already.”

Matthew, Rochester Community and Technical College



I oppose the increase

“College is supposed to be something that increases peoples knowledge and I believe that everyone should be able to afford going if that’s the path they choose to go down. If it’s increased less people will be able to afford to go or want to go because it”

Makena, Saint Paul College

I oppose the increase

“College is something that is necessary for a lot of people to work in their desired fields, most commonly the age people are attending college comes with the understanding that you will be spending thousands of dollars to get the education you need. This”

Jordyn, Anoka-Ramsey Community College

I oppose the increase

“College is not affordable for a lot of people already”

Natalia, North Hennepin Community College

I oppose the increase

“college is not a luxury for a lot of students and the higher it gets the lesser chance I can finish college”

Loryn, North Hennepin Community College

I oppose the increase

“College is meant to benefit those who choose it. By raising tuition, you take away access to those who are already struggling with the original tuition cost, not to mention the cost of supplies on top of that. The pandemic also did not grant a reduced cos”

Paige, Anoka Technical College

I oppose the increase

“College is expensive the way it is and it is getting harder to be a full time student and only work part time. as it is doable to be full time for both it is very exhausting and most people i wouldn't think perform any better in school. as for me i have n”

Abbie, Rochester Community and Technical College

I oppose the increase

“College is expensive enough the way it is.”

Marie, Alexandria Technical & Community College



I oppose the increase

“College is expensive enough as it is! I am still paying off an associates degree from 6 years ago!”

Stephanie, Rochester Community and Technical College

I oppose the increase

“College is expensive enough as is. To increase tuition I feel it is making it harder for students to go to college and want to go to college.”

Kenzie, Rochester Community and Technical College

I oppose the increase

“College is expensive enough and doesn’t guarantee a better life after graduation”

Josh, Hennepin Technical College

I oppose the increase

“College is expensive as it is and they shouldn't punish the current students with an increase just because they want to make more money, that isn't fair to the students. Not everyone has money spilling out of their pockets to pay for college. Everyone has”

Mia, St. Cloud Technical & Community College

I oppose the increase

“College is expensive as is”

Mason, Minnesota State College Southeast

I oppose the increase

“College is expensive already.”

Nicholas, Minnesota State Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

“college is barely affordable as it is now making it more expensive just makes it that much more harder to attend and get the degree that i want.”

alex, Riverland Community College



I oppose the increase

“college is already wildly overpriced, and embellishing money from young adults.”

Dylan, Ridgewater College

I oppose the increase

“College is already way too expensive. I’m not paying more money to sit on a laptop I bought and look and powerpoint slides while I pay \$1000 to take a class.”

Zack, Hennepin Technical College

I oppose the increase

“college is already way too expensive”

Kaylee, South Central College

I oppose the increase

“College is already way too expensive.”

Logan, St. Cloud Technical & Community College

I oppose the increase

“College is already very nice expensive, and I cannot afford to attend college if it is more expensive than it already is. I am already struggling to afford it as it is.”

Jenny, Rochester Community and Technical College

I oppose the increase

“College is already very expensive, it should be affordable for all. Plus, pretty much none of my professors actually do any work, they just have us sign up for third party online classes and try and look busy.”

Izek, Minnesota State College Southeast

I oppose the increase

“College is already too expensive. Roughly 60% of college students are food insecure. It is easy for a board of trustees to sit in their offices with all of their privilege and say students can simply pay more. I say this is insultingly out of touch with t”

John, Anoka-Ramsey Community College



I oppose the increase

“College is already too expensive for some to pay for and it forces them to lose out on pursuing great opportunities.”

Michaela, St. Cloud Technical & Community College

I oppose the increase

“College is already too expensive as it is.”

Abby, Saint Paul College

I oppose the increase

“College is already so expensive, how can we expect our community to be educated if they can’t afford to be.”

Tacey, Normandale Community College

I oppose the increase

“College is already so expensive and with everything else rising due to inflation I won't be able to afford college anymore.”

Yuepheng, Anoka-Ramsey Community College

I oppose the increase

“College is already so expensive and I don’t see why they need to keep increasing it. It’s making people even less likely to go to college now, and it’ll make people less likely to commit to all 4 years of college.”

Kayla, Rochester Community and Technical College

I oppose the increase

“College is already so expensive and college debt is so out of hand that there are many choosing NOT to go to college to further their education because the debt they would incur is so daunting!”

Monica, Normandale Community College

I oppose the increase

“College is already ridiculously expensive. The cost of living has already risen while there has been no significant increase in wages. It would put a quality college education further out of reach for even more people and those who are doing okay financia”

Megan, Minnesota State College Southeast



I oppose the increase

“College is already ridiculously expensive, and an increase in the cost of tuition is completely unnecessary and unreasonable.”

Brian, Ridgewater College

I oppose the increase

“College is already pricey as it is. People should be able to have access to accessible education, in my opinion. The email itself said “The tuition increase would be the THIRD increase in the last 18 months, meaning that tuition is over \$500 more than it”

Nawal, Anoka-Ramsey Community College

I oppose the increase

“College is already practically unobtainable financially especially with current inflation and stagnant wages.”

Tanya, Riverland Community College

I oppose the increase

“College is already overpriced and we do not have to keep making millions of young American adults begin their professional careers in immense debt.”

Daniel, Minnesota State College Southeast

I oppose the increase

“College is already over expensive as it is... what is the point in adding more debt to students?”

Alyssa, Itasca Community College

I oppose the increase

“College is already hard to afford the way it is. Making it harder only makes more people financially struggle”

Abbey, St. Cloud Technical & Community College

I oppose the increase

“College is already expensive. the more expensive college gets the less people that go, and the less we will have a educated community.”

Mia, Anoka-Ramsey Community College



I oppose the increase

“College is already expensive. People weren’t making a lot of money the past few years, if any due to the pandemic. The solution to revenue loss should not be to have students go further into debt. If you want more money, ask for donations. I’m 11k in debt”

Taylor, Minnesota State Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

“College is already expensive. Besides tuition is just part of the cause. There is housing, food, those who commute have to pay gas.”

Rachel, Dakota County Technical College

I oppose the increase

“College is already expensive.”

Brent, St. Cloud Technical & Community College

I oppose the increase

“College is already expensive, why make it harder on everyond

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Connor, Century College

I oppose the increase

“College is already expensive, some people already struggle as is.”

Dakarri, North Hennepin Community College

I oppose the increase

“College is already expensive enough.”

Sodavann, Normandale Community College

I oppose the increase

“College is already expensive enough the way it is. The amount of students in debt makes going to college to try to have a career seem ridiculous and not worth the time.”

Bella, Minnesota West Community & Technical College



I oppose the increase

“College is already expensive enough”

Bailey, Minnesota State Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

“college is already expensive between tuition, books, and housing, not to mention students that may have children at home or car expenses as well”

Olivia, Rochester Community and Technical College

I oppose the increase

“College is already expensive as it is. We don’t need to make it cost more.”

Taylor, Rochester Community and Technical College

I oppose the increase

“College is already expensive as it is, and putting more people into debt. With an increase it is more debt that students have to worry about and try to pay off while trying to survive.”

Lynse, Century College

I oppose the increase

“College is already expensive as it is -- and unfortunately because of the costs, many people don't get the opportunity to learn. Not only that, but with the rapid increase of the cost of living, the tuition increase also hurts us who are already enrolled.”

Daniel, Rochester Community and Technical College

I oppose the increase

“College is already expensive and we are hardly being able to pay for it. So why increasing it more? So that less students can afford it?”

Juan, Saint Paul College

I oppose the increase

“College is already expensive and hard to attain and the level of teaching being received is not supportive of a increase”

Sandra, Inver Hills Community College



I oppose the increase

“College is already difficult, having to go to work full time , take care of your child needs that including babysitting and also paying rent and other bills is also a lot on students so adding college fees will not be a good idea.”

Favor, Minnesota State Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

“College is affordable right now”

Angela, Minnesota State Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

“College has never been affordable and With inflation going on it’s even going to be more hard for us(students) to afford college”

Nardos, Normandale Community College

I oppose the increase

“College education should be a right, not a privilege, cost should be free to students like public schools.”

Private, North Hennepin Community College

I oppose the increase

“College costs have been rising well past the current rate of inflation for many years. Record high prices are what is making college unaffordable for many. Also, too much reliance that the government is just gonna foot the bill at the expense of the taxpa”

John, Northland Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

“college classes are expensive enough”

Cheyenne, Normandale Community College

I oppose the increase

“College already is expensive for students even at a community college. With this increase students will either be deeper in debt or they will have less time for classes because they will be working more to make up for the extra cost in tuition.”

Grace, Pine Technical and Community College



I oppose the increase

“Cant afford it. Everything is already more expensive no thanks to biden.”

Rachel, Anoka-Ramsey Community College

I oppose the increase

“can't afford it”

mercedes, Inver Hills Community College

I oppose the increase

“Can't afford as is”

Joseph, Minnesota State Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

“cant afford”

Miriam, Century College

I oppose the increase

“Cannot afford the increase.”

Divine, Normandale Community College

I oppose the increase

“Cannot afford it.”

Haley, Minnesota West Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

“Cannot afford a tuition increase when paying out of pocket.”

Danielle, Dakota County Technical College



I oppose the increase

“Can’t afford to pay more tuition”

Samantha, Anoka-Ramsey Community College

I oppose the increase

“Can’t afford to pay it. They already are taking a ridiculous amount on money from us. Stop being greedy and take it from elsewhere instead of kids who can barely survive. Just because you could afford a full ride through college doesn’t mean everyone else”

Vivian, Normandale Community College

I oppose the increase

“Can’t afford it as a mother of two who is trying to go to school”

Cierra, Northwest Technical College

I oppose the increase

“Can’t afford it”

Ky, Century College

I oppose the increase

“can’t afford it”

breyanna, North Hennepin Community College

I oppose the increase

“Can’t afford if it get increased I only work part time”

Chloe, Riverland Community College

I oppose the increase

“Can’t afford an increase like many other students. If they increase tuition they should get government to increase the minimum wage. Please do not increase the tuition of my classes!!!.”

Jack, Normandale Community College



I oppose the increase

“Can not afford it. I have bills and children to feed.”

Adam, Hennepin Technical College

I oppose the increase

“Can barely afford school as it is and if increases I have no choice but to continue since I'm only have a year left until I graduate.”

Destyni, Dakota County Technical College

I oppose the increase

“Broke college students need that money for noodles and rent. The gas price increase also means I need money for gas as well.”

Paulette, Inver Hills Community College

I oppose the increase

“Being that I can't work nearly as much due to school, I can't afford to pay higher tuition”

Shannon, Riverland Community College

I oppose the increase

“Being a single mom with five kids paying bills car insurance and trying to pay for higher schooling just to get a better job it seems like a contradiction and education should be free no one should have to pay to be better in life”

Catrice, Saint Paul College

I oppose the increase

“Being a single mom is already a struggle to pay all the expenses and college fee.”

Pabi, Northland Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

“Being 31 and wanting to continue education along with working is hard. It's already expensive as it is”

Marissa, Minnesota State Community & Technical College



I don't care

“Before I can take a stand, I want to know the reason for the increase and where the extra money will go. If it will ultimately benefit the campus or student body as a whole, I would be happy to pay more. If it is not going to any such worthy cause, then I”

Rachel, St. Cloud Technical & Community College

I oppose the increase

“Because with a low family income I can't afford to pay more than what I already have.”

Mai, Century College

I oppose the increase

“Because we're students and we can't work a full time job and be able to learn as good as we could if it was cheaper and we could work part time. Don't get me wrong I love working but I want to be able to put forth time into schooling and it's hard to affo”

Elijah, Minnesota State Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

“because we just from an out-break, our parents weren't working and moreover, we only have a single parent and it's not easy to pay tuition for 2-4 children in schools it tough and school shouldn't be expensive to learn.”

Cyra, Anoka-Ramsey Community College

I oppose the increase

“because we are just trying to learn”

Madisyn, Century College

I oppose the increase

“Because we are already overburdened with other commitments. For instance, auto insurance, payments, and residences, to name a few. Increases in tuition will place even greater burdens on us as students.”

Ananya, Normandale Community College

I oppose the increase

“Because two year schools should be affordable that's why people don't attend university's”
willard, Minnesota State Community & Technical College



I oppose the increase

“because tuition is already high enough and to increase it while inflation is soaring and gas prices increasing would be a disservice to prospective and current students. Another tuition increase would greater the financial burden thereby making it harder”

Lindsey, Inver Hills Community College

I oppose the increase

“Because tuition is already becoming unaffordable for me and is far past that point for the vast majority of people in this country. Most careers do not pay enough to cover the cost of loan payments plus living expenses making any increase in tuition comp”

Bernt, Anoka-Ramsey Community College

I oppose the increase

“Because tuition has increased at an insane amount already but wages are not increasing to keep up so those choosing to go to school are overwhelmed with student debt.”

Alex, Itasca Community College

I support the increase

“Because they help for how to become strong knowledge.”

Hassan, Minnesota State Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

“Because there's no increment in my hourly pay and the cost of gas is now too expensive to buy”

Samson, Hennepin Technical College

I oppose the increase

“Because then I can't attend school and get my degree it will be too spendy and I will just have to work.”

Mara, Hennepin Technical College

I oppose the increase

“Because the right to achieve a higher education should never be burdened by whether a student can afford to continue their academic career.”

Jackson, Century College



I oppose the increase

“Because the price to live now is getting way out of hand with gas, food, rent/owning and in order to have a decent job you need a college degree. How are people supposed to get that with the price of college increasing yet again too!?”

Ashlie, Ridgewater College

I don't care

“Because the college needs to make money. They can't have a negative income.”

Rather, Minnesota State College Southeast

I oppose the increase

“Because students are already suffering enough from inflation & terrible wages.”

Isabela, Anoka-Ramsey Community College

I oppose the increase

“Because student who do not receive financial aid or who are not eligible are in danger of not being able to afford this increase in tuition.”

Sergio, North Hennepin Community College

I oppose the increase

“Because prices are going up everywhere and at this rate gas is going up so its harder to pay for stuff.”

Heather, Riverland Community College

I oppose the increase

“Because personally i have 5 children and working part time on the top of that attending college is already expensive to everyone i am sure and increasing the tuition fee to is just telling me out of the school. I am expecting college will be free and even”

Dereje, North Hennepin Community College

I oppose the increase

“Because otherstudents and myself are poor and cant pay for that”

Jaharai, Fond du Lac Tribal & Community College



I support the increase

“Because of inflation. The tuition covers necessary expenses for the school and its faculty.”

Nadia, St. Cloud Technical & Community College

I oppose the increase

“Because not everyone has the money for it. Also being a brand new college student it's not easy getting the money for college.”

Jennifer, North Hennepin Community College

I oppose the increase

“because not everyone can afford tuition prior to the increase”

ana, Saint Paul College

I oppose the increase

“because not all of us are able to pay that much. we also have other bills to pay in order to be a functioning human in society”

zamzam, Minnesota State Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

“Because not a lot of can afford it. The student who pay to go to a community college is to get a better education with not paying a lot because we can afford to be paying a big tuition. They should not increase it because there's a lot of student that wil”

Bella, Minnesota State Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

“Because no one can afford that and it's half online now”

Faith, Century College

I oppose the increase

“Because most college students can't afford to pay the increased amount.”

Josselyn, Century College



I oppose the increase

“Because most college students are fresh out of highschool and they are already having to take loans out to pay. Most will spend the majority of their lives paying back these loans.”

Brooklyn, Ridgewater College

I oppose the increase

“Because me and many more students will drop out of school.”

Jaamie, Century College

I oppose the increase

“Because it’s inane. Why increase tuition when few students can’t already afford student loans after graduation? Why the increase? We’re still getting the same education, it’s not like the teachers are doing a better job with an increase in tuition. The in”

Lori, St. Cloud Technical & Community College

I oppose the increase

“Because it will make things overall expensive.”

Nathan, Normandale Community College

I oppose the increase

“Because it will make it less affordable to go to college and there is no need to increase tuition at a technical college.”

Jackie, Anoka Technical College

I oppose the increase

“Because it will cost more money when everything else is already increasing in price. There’s no way a majority of students support this. That is ridiculous and lies like that shouldn’t be tolerated.”

Tony, Lake Superior College

I oppose the increase

“Because it is going to make people drop out of college.”

Abiodun, North Hennepin Community College



I oppose the increase

“Because it is going to make it harder to afford an education.”

Sarah, Riverland Community College

I oppose the increase

“Because it is becoming almost unaffordable to go to college with the increase in cost of living, and additional increase in tuition makes it impossible.”

Abby, Saint Paul College

I oppose the increase

“Because it is already expensive as it is and we should not increase it anymore. Maybe lower your upper management pay. I don't see why these presidents of the school need to be paid over six figures when they don't do anything and they can't even advocate”

Ann, Century College

I oppose the increase

“Because it denies a lot of opportunity for students to be motivated and will less likely get their desired degree and get a good paying job”

Sagal, Normandale Community College

I oppose the increase

“Because increasing the price of tuition will discourage others from continuing college and make others drop out by being paid too little while inflation continues to increase can create a harmful affect for everyone including colleges”

Jasmine, Century College

I oppose the increase

“Because I'm already worried about being forever in debt

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Karissa, Anoka-Ramsey Community College

I oppose the increase

“Because I'm already struggling with affording rent and tuition along with driving 30 miles to school and 30 miles back”

Sarah, Rochester Community and Technical College



I oppose the increase

“because I wouldn't be able to afford it”

Aysha, Minnesota State Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

“Because I won't be able to attend college then”

Emma, Minnesota West Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

“Because I will not be able to afford school if it continues to increase I will not continue my education.”

brianna, Normandale Community College

I oppose the increase

“Because I will not be able to afford it”

Tiora, Itasca Community College

I oppose the increase

“Because I will not afford the tuition increase, and this is simply mean discouraging peoples of persuading college educations.”

Patrick, Minnesota State Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

“Because I will be paying more student loan debt in the future.”

Aubrey, North Hennepin Community College

I oppose the increase

“Because i went to community college because it was affordable and 3.5% makes it 3.5% to much”

Iyanna, Dakota County Technical College



I oppose the increase

“Because I want to continue going to school but if it gets too expensive I might not do it”

Aurelie, St. Cloud Technical & Community College

I oppose the increase

“Because I think it bring a setback to a lot of student, increasing tuition may potentially lead to some students dropping out of college. Most of us student struggle with bills.”

Clarence, Anoka-Ramsey Community College

I oppose the increase

“Because I think college is spending enough regardless how you pay for it”

Katie, Rainy River Community College

I oppose the increase

“Because I survive on low paying job. Even after working over time and being a full time student still I can't afford to take care of my family. My mom is very week and sick so she look upto to me, along with my 3 other siblings. I hardly afford to pay off”

Heritier, Minnesota State Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

“Because I pay my pocket and cannot afford the increasing!”

Asli, Saint Paul College

I oppose the increase

“Because I pay my pocket and cannot afford the increases!!”

Asli, Saint Paul College

I oppose the increase

“Because I need money to survive and the school is taking it all.”

Aaron, Rochester Community and Technical College



I oppose the increase

“Because I have fully time school and I cannot work as much and I am supporting myself.”

Brianna, Riverland Community College

I oppose the increase

“Because I have a family of 4 and go to school full time, to finish faster. Have a part time job and still am behind on my bills. The money left over from tuition barely gets up caught up on bills.... All for a better life, with a college education.”

Danielle, Fond du Lac Tribal & Community College

I oppose the increase

“Because I fell that for me is already hard to afford to much money for my education.

I want to keep moving forward and be part of the MN society and keep focus on my education and not the money.”

Ian, Normandale Community College

I oppose the increase

“Because I feel that what I pay is already enough and I don't want to struggle paying for my education”

Ian, Normandale Community College

I oppose the increase

“Because I don't have that kind of money to spend on college”

Alexandra, South Central College

I oppose the increase

“Because I don't have it.”

Alcelia, Pine Technical and Community College

I oppose the increase

“Because I don't work and can't afford if the tuition increase and go full time school is my priority”

Joua, Hennepin Technical College



I oppose the increase

“Because I don’t have that much money to pay tuition. Also I am a low income student”

Abshiro, Century College

I oppose the increase

“Because i do not even have job to pay my tuition how about if they increase and I’m out of financial aid probably I will be dropping out classes please check out the students statuation before reaching decision thank you”

Ali, Dakota County Technical College

I oppose the increase

“BECAUSE I CANT FUCKING AFFORD IT.”

enedyth, Minnesota State Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

“Because I can't afford to pay any more for tuition, I'm trying to make a better life for myself. I need all the money I can get, times are tough right now, I'll have to consider going to a different college.”

Katherine, Saint Paul College

I oppose the increase

“Because I cannot afford an increase”

Xavier, Vermillion College

I oppose the increase

“Because I can’t pay tuition as is”

Emma, North Hennepin Community College

I oppose the increase

“Because I can’t afford the increase”

Samantha, Minneapolis College



I oppose the increase

“Because I can’t afford it I pay for school on my own and cannot afford an increase.”

Crystal, Central Lakes College

I oppose the increase

“Because I can’t afford it”

Rahma, Minneapolis College

I oppose the increase

“Because I can’t afford a tuition increase right now.”

Jessica, Fond du Lac Tribal & Community College

I oppose the increase

“Because I can hardly afford school as it is.”

Anna, North Hennepin Community College

I oppose the increase

“Because I can already barley afford to go now. An increase will make students and future students go into deeper debt and take more years to pay off”

Mckenna, Anoka-Ramsey Community College

I oppose the increase

“Because I am trying to pay my tuition out of pocket, while working part-time, and contributing to my family.”

Anne, Minnesota State Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

“Because I am poor.”

Julia, Saint Paul College



I oppose the increase

“Because I am paying for it all out of pocket with no help and I simply cannot afford this on top of all my living expenses.”

Angie, Anoka-Ramsey Community College

I oppose the increase

“Because I am paying for a majority of school out of pocket with no help from my parents and am unable to get a third party loan.”

Bradley, Normandale Community College

I oppose the increase

“Because I am a student paying tuition and struggling to make ends meet.”

Jenna, Saint Paul College

I oppose the increase

“Because I am a single mother and I am low income as of right now. I am the sole care provider of my daughter and all the financial responsibilities fall on my shoulders.”

Rhoda, Fond du Lac Tribal & Community College

I oppose the increase

“Because I always paid out of pocket and my rate per hour still remain same”

Oyebode, North Hennepin Community College

I oppose the increase

“Because I already don't qualify for grants or even full loans to cover the expense of school, with rising costs of everything else I'm not sure I can even attend in the fall. Unfortunately, this next year would be the finishing of my degree and I don't th”

Misty, Riverland Community College

I oppose the increase

“Because financial aid loans have not increased the amount of money a person can borrow. It took me a while to finally get into nursing and to increase would mean I have to work full time to afford want my final aid can't cover. I am on my last loan as a un”

China, St. Cloud Technical & Community College



I oppose the increase

“Because community college students are more of a vulnerable/exploited population -class and race - and as front line workers through a long pandemic, we are just trying to survive and keep our kids and parents safe. Corporate profits are higher than ever”

Anna, Minneapolis College

I oppose the increase

“Because community college should be a route that is accessible to most people to get a college education.”

Isabella, Minnesota State Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

“Because community college really should be free.”

Andrew, Century College

I oppose the increase

“Because college is getting more and more expensive making it harder to pay for it it may seem like a small amount of money to you but it can be a big amount to some people maybe the factor of if they can even afforded to attended college and with increase”

Jordan, Century College

I oppose the increase

“Because college is already way too over priced”

Brandi, Century College

I oppose the increase

“Because college is already overpriced, and student loans are already going to be a struggle to pay off. With it already being expensive, yes, even that small amount of money counts.”

Shea, Itasca Community College

I oppose the increase

“Because a lot of students would like to go to college and build a better future for themselves and family but they can't if the college tuition just keeps increasing”

Hinda, St. Cloud Technical & Community College



I support the increase

“Because I don't have enough to pay for tuition”

Wa, North Hennepin Community College

I oppose the increase

“At a time of ever increasing inflation, and stagnant wages, an increase of 3.5% has the potential to price out a significant number of potential students. Pricing these students out takes away their abilities to pursue other careers or pathways. For those”

Shannon, Saint Paul College

I oppose the increase

“As students, we are already struggling paying for the current tuition so another increase will just cause some of us to drop out especially for me because I am returning to school and I do not qualify for financial aid so I do pay out of pocket with that,”

Mary, Saint Paul College

I oppose the increase

“As someone who has to pay for everything out of pocket, PLEASE DON'T! \$600 per class is already expensive enough as it is.”

Lainey, North Hennepin Community College

I oppose the increase

“As someone who effectively relies on financial aid, I would not be able to attend school if it weren't for my aid. A tuition increase would already make it much more difficult to finish college for student such as myself going into specialized fields such as”

Tim, Rochester Community and Technical College

I oppose the increase

“As part of selecting to attend a community college, I expect to pay a more reasonable price for tuition as opposed to a traditional university. As someone who works a full-time job along with two part-time jobs it's hard enough as it is to budget all my money”

Jackson, Century College

I oppose the increase

“As it is a struggle to pay tuition. With having a 2 month old when I start classes again I will struggle even more to be able to pay for school.”

April, St. Cloud Technical & Community College



I oppose the increase

“As for me I cannot even afford to pay the current one I am assisted by an organization not to talk alone if this increase take place what will happen next to some of us.”

Jariatu, Saint Paul College

I oppose the increase

“As college students we are already trying to figure a lot out. Adding this increase could cause another potential burden”

Veronica, North Hennepin Community College

I oppose the increase

“As an international student, I cannot afford the raise.”

Goomaral, Normandale Community College

I oppose the increase

“As an international student who deends on funding and does not work this makes life a bit hard”

Theo, North Hennepin Community College

I oppose the increase

“as an international student I’m allowed to work only on campus with a limit of 20 hours per week whereby i don't make enough money for housing and tuition and my other needs. The money I make is enough for my tuition fees and i depend on my parents for ho”

anneth, Minneapolis College

I oppose the increase

“As an independent individual supporting myself and pets off of a CNA based income, I simply can not make ends meet as of current, let alone more debt with this increase.”

Patsy, Rochester Community and Technical College

I oppose the increase

“As an adult college student currently working retail, I can barely afford to get by as it is. An increase in tuition fees and bills will prevent me from being able to continue college courses as I have already lost income choosing to go to school. If I am”

Felicia, Rochester Community and Technical College



I oppose the increase

“As a working family times are already hard enough plus having two college students in the household makes it harder as our studies take us away from time we would have worked otherwise. Plus being in the middle class range makes financial aid less availab”

Erin, Rochester Community and Technical College

I oppose the increase

“As a veteran attending college currently towards a four-year degree, I oppose this increase. Although I personally am unaffected by the increase, I recognize the need to take a stance on this issue for the sake of my fellow students and countrymen. By ask”

Jamison, Hennepin Technical College

I oppose the increase

“As a student that is paying without any financial support from scholarships, parents etc. I highly oppose the increase. Having a full time job and being a full time student along with that is hard enough, an increase would cause me to pick up more hours a”

Courtney, Riverland Community College

I oppose the increase

“As a student I oppose it, the way I see, it will be hindering my goals by taking way for the fuel I use to get back and forth from work, school, doctors', and could stop me from appointments co-pays, paying my internet bills.”

Relonda, Hennepin Technical College

I oppose the increase

“As a student I cannot afford the increase and will prohibit me from continuing my education.”

Marion, Minnesota State Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

“As a student from a low-income family, community college was the ideal choice for me to pursue higher education due to the affordability. The increase in tuition will be a heavy blow to my finances with the cost of food, car insurance/maintenance, and hea”

Connor, St. Cloud Technical & Community College

I oppose the increase

“As a single mother it would be hard for me to pay extra once I run out of my Dream Act scholarship and the NCCC program grants that I use. I am finishing my AA degree this way but I am not sure if they will be able to support me after. If I have to pay tu”

Elizabeth, Normandale Community College



I oppose the increase

“As a single mother already in several programs geared towards helping me successfully complete college, a tuition increase just adds to the strain of the already limited lifestyle and obstacles that come with seeking out a degree. All while trying to work”

Tory, Minnesota State Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

“As a poc student, I do not have the financial stability to afford a tuition increase.”

Khadijah, Normandale Community College

I oppose the increase

“As a mother trying to work and go to school, it is near impossible to pay for tuition and afford the cost of living when you get minimal assistance due to your income.”

Abby, Fond du Lac Tribal & Community College

I oppose the increase

“As a low income student such increase will affect me in many ways. I have to work extra hours to cover my tuition including the added amount. Thus means less time to study which in turn will affect my grade.”

Samrawit, St. Cloud Technical & Community College

I oppose the increase

“As a low income student it is already hard enough to put food on the table, let alone deal with an almost \$200 tuition increase, we come to these small schools for the affordable prices and we should not have to worry about paying for class or paying the”

brianna, Minneapolis College

I oppose the increase

“As a incoming college freshman, I don't have enough money to afford college and I'm struggling to already pay tuition.”

Giselle, Riverland Community College

I oppose the increase

“As a college student who can only work so much, I need to be able to pay my bills. Money is already tight as is, and raising tuition costs will not make it any easier for me. College is meant to be a gateway to my future, and raising tuition prices, thus”

Katherine, Ridgewater College



I oppose the increase

“Anyone should be able to go to community college that is way too much and people

cant afford that no one is gonna want

to go anymore.”

Anja, North Hennepin Community College

I oppose the increase

“Any increase would put an additional strain on our financial situation.”

Hermes, Minnesota State Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

“Any increase in tuition at this time will only lead to a decline in enrollment and an increase in current students dropping future classes. I say this because even though there has been an increase of minimum wage, the increase of the cost of living has s”

Robert, Dakota County Technical College

I oppose the increase

“Another increase in tuition will hurt low income households like my own. I pay for my college by working full time and being a full time student, I'm barely able to make ends meet as it is. Another increase will cause me to take less classes per year”

Bradley, Normandale Community College

I oppose the increase

“An increase will increase will make it extremely hard for many students to afford college and in turn there will be less students returning or even signing up for college.”

Courtney, Ridgewater College

I oppose the increase

“An increase to tuition feels like a slap in the face. Focus on passing laws for better educational funding not increasing the amount of tuition of the people that keeps your doors open. Do better.”

Julia, Anoka-Ramsey Community College

I oppose the increase

“An increase to tuition feels like a slap in the face. Focus on passing laws and voting for people who will pass laws to better/increase funding for public education not increasing the tuition of those who keep



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your doors open. Without students you wouldn”
Julia, Anoka-Ramsey Community College



I oppose the increase

“An increase in tuition would make college an unaffordable option for me.”

Moses, Rochester Community and Technical College

I oppose the increase

“An increase in tuition will cause me and many other students to struggle greatly. \$150 may not seem like a lot to some, but when all you have to spare each month is \$50 for food, that increase will leave some hungry.”

Alexys, Anoka Technical College

I oppose the increase

“An increase in tuition for Community College students will cause many to drop out. We are seeing record inflation currently. Gas is almost five dollars a gallon here in MN, food prices are increasing, and we are still recovering from the COVID-19 Pandemic”

Douglas, Century College

I oppose the increase

“An extra \$150 could be a months worth of groceries and no one should have to choose between paying their tuition or being able to eat or afford rent etc. Also it is important to note that some students choose to go to a community college because they can”

Paige, Inver Hills Community College

I oppose the increase

“An education past high school is needed for the majority if not the entirety of the US population today, and has been true for a great while now. To increase the cost of gaining an education to even have a decent chance at obtaining a job that provides a”

James, Normandale Community College

I oppose the increase

“American Students are already drowning in debt. That \$150 could mean several thousands later for those of us required to take student loans”

Chrissy, Normandale Community College

I oppose the increase

“Although I have no problem with returning back for fall semester even with the tuition increase, this increase will affect other students who have the ambitions but not in a stable financial position to



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continue.”

Puch, Normandale Community College



I oppose the increase

“alrighty struggling financially”

Lauren, Lake Superior College

I oppose the increase

“All education should be free. I shouldn't be going into unbearable debt just because I want to learn and better myself. This is ridiculous.”

Elizabeth, Minneapolis College

I support the increase

“All costs are increasing at an increasing pace. I do not want the quality of education to decrease due to insufficient funding”

Joe, Saint Paul College

I oppose the increase

“After being beaten down by covid, our household can't afford even the smallest increase in our expenses.”

Marissa, Saint Paul College

I oppose the increase

“Affording tuition while in school full time and having to decrease my hours at work due to school puts me in a bad position to be able to afford the increase”

rilwan, Century College

I oppose the increase

“Affording tuition is hard enough as it is, let alone with another increase. I have been forced to drop out after Spring of 2022 because the tuition is unaffordable. With the economy and inflation in effect, this seems like a VERY poor choice.”

Sean, Minneapolis College

I oppose the increase

“About 77% College students report that they can't provide for themselves due to tuition. Working part time job will only cover rent for those students that moved away home and are off campus, but what about food? I personally do not have enough to provide”

Pa, St. Cloud Technical & Community College



I oppose the increase

“Abolish student loans!”

Emma, St. Cloud Technical & Community College

I oppose the increase

“A tuition increase makes it much harder for people who are already struggling to feed themselves during these difficult times to work their way towards higher paying jobs. It isn't the students that you should be demanding money from to make ends meet, bu”

Tut, Minnesota State Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

“A lot of us don't come from wealthy parents or have the luxury of our parents to pay for our college why make it harder for people to get a career. We shouldn't be making it harder we should want more people to be in college but a lot don't go because of”

elizabeth, Rochester Community and Technical College

I oppose the increase

“A lot of people do not do college as it because of the cost. Increasing the cost will make college more of a privilege than a right. Make the rich richer and the poor poorer”

Jenna, Century College

I oppose the increase

“A lot more people are struggling right now, financially or otherwise. Inflation, high gas prices, an out of control car market, a potential housing market crash, and a (potentially) looming recession just to name SOME problems currently. Right now no one”

William, Hennepin Technical College

I oppose the increase

“A college education is already financially inaccessible to so many, and increasing the cost will only exacerbate this unfortunate state of affairs.”

Jason, Saint Paul College

I oppose the increase

“3rd increase in 18 months. That is a lot. 4”

I-Jung, St. Cloud Technical & Community College



I oppose the increase

“Everything is already going up. If we increase tuition, the people that go to MNwest but cant afford it will drop. People wont go to college if they cant afford it.”

Cadence, Minnesota West Community & Technical College

I support the increase

“*THIS IS WHY TUITION RAISES ARE A NECESSITY*

If you look at the state of the nation's economy, going into a recession, you will agree that we should be thankful tuition prices would only raise 3.5%! Inflation has raised prices by 11.71% since 2020, so ho”

Philip, Northland Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

“\$150 is a lot of money. I can barely afford my rent. So I would have to get a larger loan, pay interest.

150 turns into 300 easily”

Danielle, Minnesota State Community & Technical College

I oppose the increase

“\$150 can be the difference between paying rent or paying for education. A lot of people are struggling to make ends meet and still try to get an education. Saying that "\$150 tuition increase is a small sum of money" is making light of how people are strug”

Milko, Minneapolis College

I oppose the increase

“why am I paying more for online classes and people shouldn't have to go into debt to get an education”

isaiah, Normandale Community College

I oppose the increase

“Tuition as it is, is expensive. Everything have been increasing, and it is hard to manage financial stability. Many college students are dropping out of college due to tuition. This tuition increase will increase college drop out.”

Konah, North Hennepin Community College

I oppose the increase

“Already costs a massive amount, to the point that it's basically required that anyone not from wealthy family has to take out loans in order to be able to afford attending.already”

Kimberly, Ridgewater College