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As a current graduate student at the Missouri University of Science and Technology, this is something I'm excited to see possibly come to fruition. I was halfway through my engineering degree program when the University of Missouri System changed to the differential tuition model. I have never understood the logic that our STEM degree had to get so much more expensive, just because of the simple prospect of us potentially making more money in the future. So many of my peers at S&T struggle every day to afford their college tuition, predominately putting themselves deeper and deeper into debt every semester. This change in differential tuition much more significantly affect Missouri S&T students since our degrees are predominately STEM focused, and I think this tuition model will end up turning students away who would have considered attending this university. This grant will help persuade students to follow a STEM path, as financial worries won't be as prevalent. Considering the need of STEM major in the workforce, this bill is nothing but a positive for the state of Missouri.



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I am in Favor of this Grant to attract New Teachers in these four (4) Fields of Teaching.



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College isn't cheap, look at inflation			



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Dear Mister Chair, My name is Elly Smith. I am currently a senior studying Chemical Engineering at the University of Missouri. I am testifying on my experience as a student within a STEM field and how HB2313 holds immense significance for students across all UM System campuses. Within the College of Engineering, I hold many roles that provide me with a unique perspective on the student experience. These include President of the Engineering Student Council (ESC), Freshman Peer Mentor, Tutor, member of Omega Chi Epsilon, and previous president of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers. Relating to my aforementioned role as President of ESC, my organization is responsible for organizing the bi-annual Dean's Forum. This is an opportunity for students to voice concerns regarding their experience as engineering students. For the past two years, there has only been one consistent concern I hear at each forum: tuition. As my senior year began, the College of Engineering restructured and implemented a new tuition model that increased the cost of attending Mizzou for nearly all engineering students. This was a shock to the engineering community. Students who previously thought they could afford their tuition became painfully aware they could not. This included my younger brother, a freshman engineering student at Mizzou. I have spoken with countless students who share this experience. The University often advocates for scholarship applications but there are not enough. Every scholarship added is a crucial lifeline for a student. It's an opportunity for students like my younger brother, the freshman I mentor, members of my organizations, and students throughout STEM majors alike. HB2313 holds this capability to make an impact. Thank you for considering the perspectives of students statewide on this critical issue. Sincerely, Elly Smith Senior, Chemical Engineering University of Missouri



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College is extremely expensive and I'm working 2 jobs to support myself right now.



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I am a STEM student struggling to make ends meet due to inflation and increasing tuition prices. This grant would make college more manageable to finance.



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I am in favor of expanding access to stem education. As a STEM student who is just about to graduate and start being able to give back to my community, I am only able to have gotten so far from access to scholarships. Even so, I will be graduating with some debt, and, with the rising cost of tuition, I absolutely could not do this again if I was starting school at this point. We Need to build a better future for the next generation to be a sustainable state.



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As a STEM student, I have seen countless individuals have to leave college due to financial reasons. Even with Missouri S&T being a more affordable engineering institution, engineering disciplines are still much more costly than their humanities counterparts. Increasing STEM tuition rates have disproportionately affected many gifted students who I know would have been brilliant in their fields. I strongly support HB 2313 not only for myself but many talented individuals whose tuition rates should not be a barrier to them excelling in their chosen field of study.



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My name is Kelly Rockford, and I am a current 3rd year biochemistry pre-med major at the University of Missouri. As a pre-med student and a STEM major, I have to spend a lot of my time studying to be considered a competitive applicant for my future career and to continue receiving my scholarship here at Mizzou. With that, it makes it harder to find time to work and fit in all of the required activities that must be completed for me to achieve higher education. Within the past year, since a lot of my payments for rent, utilities, groceries, etc., have increased, it has made it harder to make it from month to month. This grant would provide me with more of a cushion and allow me to succeed more in my classes with less of a burden on my shoulders. As a woman who wants to help change people's lives in the future as a physician, I would hate to see my dreams cut short due to financial constraints.



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Being a STEM student in our state is increasingly difficult with STEM students paying on average \$2000 more each year than other majors. With an increase to \$2000 provided by this bill students could feel more secure coming to school in Missouri.



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College is really expensive and I do not have enough money for it. My friend had to drop out last semester because they couldn't afford it anymore. So this would be really helpful.



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The cost of college has become a price that is completely unrealistic. My family has three children in college. So I receive little support. I am an academically distinguished student. Graduating valedictorian of my high school class. However, I received the bare minimum of scholarships. Scholarships which don't even cover 1/3 of my tuition. It is completely ridiculous how expensive college has gotten. And every year it continues to grow more and more expensive.



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The costs of tuition have been rising steadily, with the University of Missouri recently making it even more expensive to pursue a degree in engineering. If we want to continue to encourage STEM fields, helping student afford college is one of the best ways to do it.



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I support this bill, being a college student today is more expensive than ever. Although I would not benefit directly from this bill, I have friends attending college right now that rely on grants fr the state to pay for college.



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While differentiated tuition is a great idea in theory, it fails to address equity within STEM itself by blocking students who may already be facing financial barriers to college. The STEM grant would maintain the original purpose of these tuition changes while keeping STEM education accessible for those of lower income. I believe this grant will ultimately result in more class mobility for Missourians and show to the state's support for STEM education and careers.



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As an out of state student, the differential tuition model severely affected my academic bill. Pursuing a STEM degree became almost unattainable overnight, I strongly considered switching institutions in order to find a more accessible option. Luckily my support system at Missouri S&T was able to keep me here, but this model would have deeply affected my decision to attend Missouri S&T as an out of state undergraduate student.



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I do not believe financial need should be a barrier to one having the opportunity to pursue higher education in a worthwhile profession. As a student currently dependent on financial aid to continue my education, expanding and extending these offerings to qualified individuals by any means necessary is an effort I believe is worthwhile. HB 2313 works to reduce the amount of potential scientists, engineers, designers, mathematicians, historians, or what have you that are forced to abandon or postpone their education due to circumstances functionally beyond their control stemming from a rampant increase in the cost of education.



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I am a STEM student at Missouri S&T and I support this grant for Missouri STEM students. Higher education is getting increasingly expensive and this grant would greatly support many students.