

Our Chance to Stand Against the Proposed Tuition Hike: A Call for Fair Access to Education

As a student at DePaul University, I am concerned about the recent proposal by the state legislature to increase tuition fees by 10 percent. This decision would have deep consequences for students across our state of Illinois, and we must speak out against it.

Firstly, this tuition hike will make higher education even more inaccessible for students. As living costs rise along with other expenses, an added 10 percent increase in tuition could set back many students who are already struggling to make ends meet.

Moreover, increasing tuition fees excludes those from low-income backgrounds who seek higher education. For many students, taking on additional debt or working multiple jobs to afford their education is an unfortunate reality. As a result, higher education is not redeemed by merit but by financial status.

Furthermore, by establishing financial barriers to education, we hinder our collective progress of accessibility and diversity in attendees and limit the potential of our future leaders and innovators.

Instead of burdening students with higher tuition fees, our state should explore alternative solutions to fund public universities. This could include increasing government support, creating partnerships that seek to help, or implementing more efficient budgeting practices.

In conclusion, I urge our state legislators to reconsider this proposed tuition hike. We cannot afford to compromise on the accessibility and affordability of education for our citizens. It is our fundamental right, and we must stand up for it. Our future depends on it.

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