To Whom It May Concern,

I am a freshman currently attending Eastern Connecticut State University studying History and Social Sciences and double minoring in Prelaw and Philosophy. My experience at Eastern thus far has been life changing. I have learned so much this year regarding academics, social, and personal that I would not have otherwise if I hadn't had the opportunity to attend college.

When you attend college you're able to be your own person, think for yourself, have responsibilities, and network with others to begin your path to your future.

I believe that cuts to higher education will affect me negtively because I'm planning on continuing my education to recieve my Ph.D in Philosophy. If cuts to higher education follow through, the contribution that I will be able to offer my community, but also nationally will diminish. If education is so important and essential to a prospering country, we should find ways to allow more students to be able to recieve one.

Everyone has an equal opportunity to achieve their American Dream, and if cuts are made to higher education, we are taking that birth right to future generations, including myself, and that is not okay! Most who already have their degrees aren't concerned about this situation, but we must think less of ourselves and think of how we can help others.

What will happen in a few years when less and less people are able to afford higher education?

What will happen then?