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KENNEDY, COLLEAGUES CALL TO ACTION ON RISING COST OF EDUCATION

OPENING THE DOORS OF OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS

WASHINGTON, DC— Today, Senator Edward M. Kennedy, Chairman of the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee will join with Senators Patty Murray, Jeff Bingaman, Jack Reed, Bernard Sanders, and Sherrod Brown to call attention to the problems students are facing in coping with the rising cost of college.

The Higher Education Access Act of 2007, currently being debated on the floor, will increase access to higher education and ensure federal dollars are going where they are most needed—to students. The bill addresses the financial needs today's students face, providing more than \$17 billion to help them pay for college.

WHEN: 1:30pm today, Thursday, July 19

WHERE: Upper Senate Park

WHO: Senator Edward Kennedy
Senator Patty Murray
Senator Jeff Bingaman
Senator Jack Reed
Senator Bernard Sanders
Senator Sherrod Brown

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