

talked about this in the last two years, got their degrees. They're now working, they're now productive taxpaying citizens and proud of it and I'm proud of them as well. And it seems to me that if they've got the skills and the ability and the drive and the desire and the dream to get a higher education, then we shouldn't deny that to them if that's one of the options that can make them a successful citizen in our state. It's part of the fabric of this country and of the state in particular that education is the key to opening the door to success. The better the education, the better the chance you have of promoting yourself and your family and being successful in the economic workforce. And so, to me, to deny this is to deny the dream to the poor among us that we all, I think, would share in whatever station of life we might happen to be. And so the concern that we have and the reason we've added it in here is that in the initial questions back from the department it was not even mentioned in a number of those. It didn't look like it was on the radar map and we talked about it last year. I thought we all decided that this should be among the options and at this point it was unclear exactly what kind of option there would be. It would be so limited that maybe a couple classes to finish up, that might be available, otherwise, not necessarily. Well, I think it needs to be made very clear here because we've seen it, all of us, personally. If you've gotten to know some of these welfare recipients that have been down to the hearings and down to the meetings, these are people that are not stupid. These are people that are very bright in many cases and they've gotten themselves on welfare or others have forced them onto welfare because of circumstance in most cases. The husband has beat them, has left them, they have lost their job, there's been some other catastrophe in their life. It's very rare that you find an individual that has made any sort of conscious choice that that's the direction they want to take. Most of them are forced to be in the situation they're in and want not to be there, want to be off into a job and earning an income. But they are smart people and they know that the better education they get, the better chance to get a good job and so they want that opportunity. We should not deny them, we should allow that to be one of the options. Now let me also say that we lost the Micron deal here a month ago and they argued that at least one of the major reasons they went to Utah was the postsecondary education rate in Utah, that they had a higher percent of workforce that had college degrees. That's what the good companies are looking for. They're looking for people with that college degree. They're looking for people with any level of