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How is this going to cost us? This is going to help us. Chancellor Kristensen from UNK relayed to me a couple months ago how he was very concerned about future enrollment at UNK, to the possibility that it might not be able to remain open down the road. Another point I think Senator Synowiecki touched on, these people can't apply for grants. They're not allowed to get grants. They're getting nothing free. Another thing I'd like to touch on is a quick story, if I have time, about a young lady that spoke at our Rotary group one time. She was one of the top three students at Grand Island Senior High School. When she got talking, she told me she wanted to be a doctor. You know what I said to her? I said,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator Aguilar.

SENATOR AGUILAR: ...I'd like for you to be a doctor, too, especially in Nebraska, not another state. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Aguilar. On with discussion. Senator Thompson, followed by Senator Erdman.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Senator Aguilar, I'd yield to you if you had more of that story you wanted to finish or any other comments you'd like to make.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Aguilar.

SENATOR AGUILAR: Thank you, Senator Thompson. I appreciate that very much. That was a very, very moving experience for me, and that's one of the things that got me fired up on this issue. One of our best and one of our brightest would very possibly not have an opportunity to go to the university and be a doctor in Nebraska and contribute something wonderful back to our state. She should have that opportunity. Quite frankly, she should have a full-ride scholarship with her intelligence, but that will never happen. That will never happen in Nebraska. At least let her go at the same price you and I pay for our kids to go. Our President has a policy of no child left behind. That's all it says, is no child left behind. It doesn't say no child left behind unless you're a child of an illegal immigrant.