

Bonnie Ladwig would like to hold off on having a hearing on this bill. Marlene Cummings is preparing fiscal estimate & has said this could be extremely costly. Marlene has other suggestions to remedy this problem. Bonnie would like to look into other possibilities (ie cheaper) that would help.



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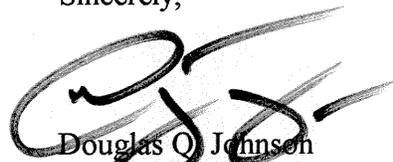
Dear Representative Otte:

Please be advised that the Wisconsin Merchants Federation supports AB 143. As you know, this bill seeks to find yet another way to make sure that guaranteed student loans are repaid by conditioning professional licensure renewal upon default status.

The WMF has always felt that competition fights should be fought in the marketplace not the halls of the legislature and that loans are made to be repaid whether they're owed to our retail members or the government. It is very clear to our members that costs get shifted and collection on student loans simply makes good sense.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



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cc: State Representative Ladwig
State Senator Wirsch
DR & L Secretary Cummings