**A Way Your Dollars for Scholars can Easily Advocate**

Advocacy is the act of informing your U.S. Representative or Senator to let them know what issues are important to your organization/community and what problem you want them to help solve. You can advocate against award displacement by contacting [your representative](https://www.house.gov/representatives/find-your-representative) using the email template below:

“Hello my name is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. I represent \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Dollars for Scholars, a (volunteer-led) organization that has awarded scholarships to local students since (year of affiliation). We serve \_\_\_\_ (number of students) students each year awarding \_\_\_(amount of awards given) in scholarships.

I am/we are contacting you concerning the issue of scholarship displacement. Our local students make the effort to earn scholarships in hopes the additional aid will reduce work and loan burdens. Oftentimes, institutional aid or other grants are reduced by the amount equivalent to a scholarship that a student earns, leaving the student with a zero net-benefit. This impedes \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Dollars for Scholars’ goal of making college more affordable and discourages students from seeking additional scholarships to reduce unmet need.

Ending scholarship displacement is especially critical as the national average for unmet need is about $10,000. I/we encourage you to reach out to our parent organization Scholarship America. The Director of Policy, Kalwis Lo (klo@scholarshipamerica.org) would be happy provide additional information and address any questions.

I/we would appreciate your partnership in our efforts to promote student success.

Thank you!

Name

Title