

FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY,
Boca Raton, Fla., September 12, 1967.

HON. CLAUDE PEPPER,
Cannon Building, Washington, D.C.

DEAR CONGRESSMAN PEPPER: Thank you for your recent letter calling attention to House Bill No. 11978 authored by yourself, along with your statement reprinted in the Congressional Record of August 21, 1967, which would, in my opinion, go a long way toward solving many of the difficulties which have arisen in connection with the guaranteed student loan program.

You have placed your finger on the problem, as I have personally observed, especially in your attempt to provide some incentive for more of the banks to participate in this program, and also to encourage the banks to take a more liberal attitude toward loans. I do not know how the problem, of the banks having a tendency to loan only to established customers, can be overcome. However, I am delighted to know of your attempt by this legislation to be of assistance to students who so badly need this type of help. I will continue to follow with interest the progress of this legislation, and wish to thank you most sincerely for having advised me of your concern.

I would like to invite you, in behalf of the students and faculty of Florida Atlantic University, to visit our campus at your earliest convenience as I believe you would be pleased and excited to see the progress which has been made at this University in Boca Raton.

Warm regards,
Sincerely,

KENNETH R. WILLIAMS, *President.*

ST. JOHNS RIVER JUNIOR COLLEGE,
Palatka, Fla., September 13, 1967.

HON. CLAUDE PEPPER,
Congress of the United States,
House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.

DEAR REPRESENTATIVE PEPPER: I was glad to receive your letter of August 24 concerning the Guaranteed Loan Program. Federal and State competition to local enterprise has long been a concern of mine as I have seen the encroachment of our colleges under the guise of student services multiply daily.

The NDEA Loan Program was ill-conceived in administration, but not in thought and purpose. In my estimation, the Guaranteed Loan Program puts the administration where it ought to be with reputable lending agencies. Certainly, your proposals will strengthen the program to the point where it should be more palatable to these lending agencies.

I have never been in favor of complete hand-outs and we have had great success in our student work study programs where the student works for his education. These young people are usually the ones that become self-reliant and an asset to our nation rather than a detriment.

I would be most pleased if during your travels through this area, we could schedule you to speak to our 1,500 student body.

Most sincerely,

CHARLES W. LAPRADD, *President.*

UNIVERSITY OF WEST FLORIDA,
Pensacola, Fla., September 13, 1967.

HON. CLAUDE PEPPER,
Congress of the United States,
House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.

DEAR SENATOR: I was interested to receive your recent statement in support of the Guaranteed Student Loan Program.

Since The University of West Florida is vitally concerned with providing appropriate student financial assistance, I certainly endorse your bill to revitalize