

President Obama has released his 2010 Federal Budget proposal, which contains language that would eliminate the Federal Family Education Loan Program (FFELP).

Although the Florida Department of Education, Office of Student Financial Assistance (link) - <http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/osfahomepg.htm>, agree with President Obama in his quest in supporting increased funding for needy students in order for them to attend school, we feel that Florida students, parents, and schools receive far better customer service through our Florida guaranty agency than they would receive from the U.S. Department of Education's servicer through the Direct Loan Program. Florida's guaranty agency also administers state scholarships and grants programs for the student's and schools of Florida.

If you believe that Florida students, parents, and schools benefit from having a local agency that supports the FFELP loan program, customer service, and the right that the borrower have a choice in the type of educational loan that they receive, we encourage you to contact your congressional representative and senators to voice how you feel about the FFELP loan program.

You may access the contact information at the following link <http://www.visi.com/juan/congress/cgi-bin/newseek.cgi?site=ctc&state=fl> to contact your Congressional representative.