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STATEMENT: Senator Ortt Reacts to Governor's Free College Tuition Plan

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"If the Governor is going to retread Senator Sanders' ideas and rhetoric from his presidential run, I'm hoping that – at the very least – we'll get an idea about who will pay for it. I'm all for free college tuition, just like I'm all for free puppies and apple pie. I'm fully supportive of any proposal that will reduce the severe burden that college tuition places on middle class students and families. That's why, along with my Republican colleagues, I've proposed numerous pieces of legislation to do just that. But I have serious concerns when sweeping statements, such as 'free college education for all,' are made without fully considering what that will mean for our state, our taxpayers, and our institutions of higher learning."