Dear Deputy (insert TD’s last name here),

As a constituent, I am writing to outline my opposition to any increase in third-level student fees in Budget 2026.

I am a student **nurse/midwife** studying in **insert college name here**. Any increase to the student contribution fee would be detrimental to my welfare and learning experience. There are many ‘hidden’ costs to our degree, which include additional travel and other costs for mandatory clinical placements. Any increases to an already very high student contribution fee will make it very difficult for many of my classmates to continue our degrees.

Many student nurses cannot just get a part-time job to supplement their income in order to pay very high student fees. Our course requirements mean we have clinical placement blocks and study commitments which when combined are often incompatible with traditional student part-time work.

Any increase to the student contribution fee, will mean that many student nurses and midwives will have no option but to leave their programme or to take out loans to pay for the remainder of their degrees. Putting a debt burden on student nurses and midwives will leave many with no option but to emigrate.

The Programme for Government commits to “continue to reduce the Student Contribution Fee over the lifetime of the Government to ease the financial burden on students and families at the start of each academic year, in a financially sustainable manner.”

As a student who is studying to become a safety-critical professional, I am urging you as my local TD to lobby your government colleagues to ensure that there is no sharp increase in the student contribution charge for the next academic year.

I look forward to your response,

Name,

Address