Sample script to use when calling an elected official:

Hello,

My name is [name] and I am a [year in school] at [school]. I’m calling to urge you to take action on student loan rates.

If Congress doesn’t act by July 1, interest rates on federally-subsidized loans will double. That means students like me will have to pay $1,000 more each year, and more than 360,000 students in Illinois will be affected.

[Personal anecdote: what does $1,000 a year mean to you?]

So please remember the students of our state and vote soon to stop interest rates on student loans from doubling.

Thank you.

Sample posts for social media:

Twitter: Join me in urging Congress to take action on student loan rates. If nothing is done by July 1, interest rates will double! #DontDoubleMyRate

Facebook: If Congress doesn’t act, interest rates on student loans will double on July 1. That means more than 360,000 students in Illinois will pay an extra $1,000 on their student loans. Contact your U.S. Representative and tell them #DontDoubleMyRate!
http://www.elections.il.gov/DistrictLocator/DistrictOfficialSearchByAddress.aspx

*Don’t forget to explain what an extra $1,000 charge each year would mean to you and your family. Is that the cost of all of your books? A month or two of rent? Your personal stories are very important to help illustrate what a doubled rate means to Illinois students!