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**Meier Campaign Welcomes Arcuri to the Education Table**  
***Tuition Assistance: Not a Novel Concept***

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**Utica, NY** – Today, Senator Raymond Meier, candidate Republican candidate for Congress for New York's 24<sup>th</sup> District, pointed out that he along with his Senate Republican colleagues formulated and passed a New York State tuition tax deduction program in the year 2000. Since serving as State Senator, Meier has cosponsored and helped secure passage of not only college tuition tax deductions but also increased assistance under the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) and increased the maximum family income for TAP eligibility. On a local level, Meier's commitment to higher education includes helping to secure the designation of The State University of New York Institute of Technology (SUNYIT) at Marcy as a four-year college, secured millions in capital funding for new library and student activities facilities at SUNYIT, and secured funding for the ACCESS project at Hamilton College to help make college education accessible for low-income students, as well as secured funding for capital projects and research at other colleges around his Senate district.

Today, Meier for Congress campaign spokeswoman, Nicole Austin, said, "It is easy for Mr. Arcuri, a candidate with no legislative experience, to talk about what he wants to do. Senator Meier has a record of accomplishment, demonstrating not just a commitment to education but concrete results. It's interesting that after Meier in late August unveiled the third pillar of his Jobs & the Economy plan titled 'Fighting for American Jobs: The Role of Education,' highlighting the specific connection between education and a strong job-creation economy, Mr. Arcuri was critical. Now, 43 days before the election, we would like to welcome Mr. Arcuri to the education table."

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