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I am pursuing my Master's in Gifted Education. This is my third year teaching high-school science after a 10 year career in occupational safety. While the TEACH Grant does not cover all of my expenses, I would likely not have pursued my Master's without the TEACH Grant. The Grant and the potential for loan forgiveness gave me a bit of reassurance that this program will not ruin me financially, as teachers make very little money. We are expected to continually improve ourselves and our education so that we can better prepare the future generations. With the high cost of secondary education, cutting some of the tuition assistance will turn even more young adults away from teaching math and science. I took an enormous pay cut to teach. When I look at my current earning power had I pursued a Master's in Safety and Health, I have cut my salary by two thirds. We need more scientists as teachers, and cutting funding will only give us fewer.