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**"The amount of money available for need-based aid would be reduced. Then you have the question of what do you do with the kids who need aid but for whom it isn't available," he added.**

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