Senate Resolution

To: The Student Senate of the University of North Dakota

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Re: Support of the Collegiate Housing and Infrastructure Act

Whereas, the Collegiate Housing and Infrastructure Act eliminates a distinction in existing tax law that would result in allowing tax-exempt charitable and educational organizations to make grants to non-University owned not-for-profit student housing entities that provide collegiate student housing; and

Whereas, the Collegiate Housing and Infrastructure Act would make college more affordable at no cost to taxpayers by offering a housing alternative less expensive than University housing; and

Whereas, the Collegiate Housing and Infrastructure Act results in safer student housing by encouraging charitable contributions to collegiate housing for installation of life saving equipment such as fire sprinklers, smoke detectors, and alarm systems; and

Whereas, 441 of 10,636 students currently live in non-University owned not-for-profit student housing and 9% of students at the University of North Dakota live in non-University-owned not-for-profit housing during their collegiate years;

Therefore, be it resolved that the University of North Dakota Student Government supports Congressional passage of the Collegiate Housing and Infrastructure Act;

Therefore, be it further resolved that the University of North Dakota Student Government Association asks the North Dakota Congressional Delegation to sponsor the Collegiate Housing and Infrastructure Act.

Student Body President, Nick Creamer