Senate Resolution

To: The Student Senate of the University of North Dakota
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Date: January 25th, 2014
Re: Support for North Dakota House Bill 1233

Whereas, one of the primary threats to University of North Dakota students today are the rapidly rising tuition rates of their college education, and

Whereas, providing quality education for students at an affordable price will allow more residents to enroll in higher education, and

Whereas, tuition rates have a direct impact on student debt load following graduation, and

Whereas, tuition rates have increased by more than 48%, greater than twice the rate of annual U.S. inflation, since 2005 for North Dakota residents enrolled at UND or NDSU, and

Whereas, House Bill No. 1233 would prohibit an increase in tuition rates at all institutions under the control of the State Board of Higher Education, and

Whereas, House Bill No. 1233 would also appropriate funds necessary from the state general fund to the State Board of Higher Education to offset the financial impact of a tuition freeze, and

Therefore, be it resolved that the Student Senate, representing over 15,000 students of the University of North Dakota, fully supports the intention of North Dakota House Bill 1233, and urges the 64th Legislative Assembly to do the same, and

Therefore, be it furthest resolved that full support and authority is given to our student lobbyists to advocate on behalf of HB 1233.

Student Body President, Tanner Franklin