Senate Resolution

To: The Student Senate of the University of North Dakota

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Re: Support for North Dakota Senate Bill 2330

Whereas, during the 2014 Election Cycle, a new North Dakota voter ID law was implemented, and

Whereas, these new rules changed the way students would vote in North Dakota, as they would either need an acceptable form of photo identification or a student voting certificate, and

Whereas, North Dakota House Bill 1333 is one that the North Dakota legislature is currently considering, and

Whereas, North Dakota House Bill 1333 would remove the student voting certificate, and

Whereas, many different students from across the University were able to vote because of this certificate, and

Whereas, North Dakota Senate Bill 2330 will require that student identification cards at the public higher education institutions have birthdate and residential address information displayed, and

Whereas, these new identification cards would be suitable voter ID cards, and

Whereas, it is important students utilize their right to vote to effect change, use their public voice, and contribute to the democratic principles upheld by this nation and this state, and

Therefore, be it resolved that the Student Senate of the University of North Dakota fully supports the intention of North Dakota Senate Bill 2330, and urges the 64th Legislative Assembly to adopt this piece of legislation.

Student Body President, Tanner Franklin