Senate Bill

To: The Student Senate of the University of North Dakota

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Re: Funding of the Grand Forks Herald

Whereas, in the past, the University of North Dakota Student Government has entered into agreements with the Grand Forks Herald for a college readership program, and

Whereas, the agreement included delivery of the Grand Forks Herald and its distribution across campus, and

Whereas, advances in technology have made it possible for students to access national news similar to that provided by the Grand Forks Herald from their smartphones, tablets, and laptops for free, and

Whereas, this has resulted in fewer students utilizing the Grand Forks Herald, both in hard copy and digital form, and

Whereas, this program has a line-item in the UND Student Government budget of more than $12,000 for FY18, and

Whereas, Student Senate has a responsibility to allocate student fees in a responsible manner that will benefit the greatest number of students possible, and

Whereas, the average pick up rate for the Grand Forks Herald is only 320 issues per day, many of which are faculty and staff;

Therefore, be it moved that UND Student Government does not enter in to a new agreement with the Grand Forks for the 2017-18 academic year, and

Therefore, be it further moved that $12,000 be transferred from the College Readership line-item in the FY18 Student Government budget to the unallocated fund.

Cole Bachmeier, Student Body President