Senate Resolution

To: The Student Senate of the University of North Dakota

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Re: Support for Harrington Hall Female Restroom Updating/Construction Project

Whereas, the University of North Dakota (UND) Student Senate has a responsibility to promote equality of opportunity and,

Whereas, it is crucial for the University of North Dakota to support women who are perusing careers in S.T.E.M (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) fields in any way they can and,

Whereas, 20% of the currently enrolled students in the College of Engineering and Mines (CEM) at UND are women and,

Whereas, of those 20% of women enrolled in the CEM, 27% of them are Chemical Engineers (the largest concentration of female engineers in a single engineering major), 14% are Electrical Engineers and 6% are Computer Scientist/Engineers totaling 47% of all enrolled women in engineering and,

Whereas, many of the Faculty and Staff of these two departments/schools are also women and,

Whereas, the Department of Chemical Engineering and the School of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science’s courses are almost entirely taught in Harrington Hall and,

Whereas, all Chemical Engineering Laboratories are exclusively on the 3rd floor of Harrington Hall and,

Whereas, the 3rd floor of Harrington Hall does not have a women’s restroom at all and,

Whereas, not having a female designated bathroom on the 3rd floor of Harrington Hall is a significant problem for the women who study and work on that floor and,

Whereas, currently women who do study and work on the third floor of Harrington Hall must resort to using one of two gender neutral Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) restrooms located in Upson II, the neighboring building or use the second floor Harrington restroom and,

Whereas, UND Facilities has already began drafting and planning possible solutions to this issue,
Therefore, it be moved that the University of North Dakota Student Senate support the construction and update of restroom facilities in Harrington Hall, specifically the construction of women's restroom on the 3rd floor.

Erik Hanson, Student Body President