Senate Resolution

To: The Student Senate of the University of North Dakota
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Re: Support for the University of North Dakota Short Term Sober Housing Project

Whereas, the University of North Dakota Student Senate has a duty to help and support all members of the student body, both in times of success and times of struggle and,

Whereas, according to the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism; 15-20% of college students meet the criteria for Alcohol Use Disorder or (AUD) and,

Whereas, it is often very difficult for college students to seek help or guidance during times of struggle with alcohol and/or other forms of addiction and,

Whereas, the first few days and weeks of entering recovery are often the most vital in assuring long term success with fighting addiction and,

Whereas, many students may find themselves in a difficult living situation when they make the decision to enter recovery and,

Whereas, those students who wish to enter recovery and find themselves in the previous mentioned living situation would greatly benefit from "time away" or a "break" while still being able to go to attend class and otherwise remain a part of the university community while they adjust to a new life style and,

Whereas, it is financially not viable to develop a long-term sober housing project at the University of North Dakota and,

Whereas, the concept of a short-term sober housing has not been attempted at any major post-secondary institution in the United States and,

Whereas, professionals at the University Counseling Center see great potential in a project like a short-term sober housing this and are already working to help develop the project, and

Whereas, providing access to short-term sober housing for students in need of help will increase the chances of those students to find recovery and therefore continue their studies and graduate from our university,
Therefore, it be moved that the University of North Dakota Student Senate support the creation and development of short-term sober housing at the University of North Dakota to better help students who are in need of immediate help in battling their substance abuse disorders.

Erik Hanson, Student Body President