

A Resolution to Support the Collegiate Housing and Infrastructure Act

Halie Vilagi (for herself, Kinzie Harper, Sarah Souders, and Brandon Weisman) introduced the following resolution to the General Assembly.

* * *

Whereas the Undergraduate Student Government represents all undergraduate students at The Ohio State University, and

Whereas the Collegiate Housing and Infrastructure Act eliminates a distinction in existing tax law that would result in allowing tax-exempt charitable and educational organizations to make grants to non-University owned not-for-profit student housing entities that provide collegiate student housing, and

Whereas 1,095¹ out of 51,215² students currently live in non-University owned not-for-profit student housing at The Ohio State University, and

Whereas many college sororities and fraternities lack the financial capital to make critical safety improvements³, and

Whereas only 50% of housing in the Fraternal Government Relations Coalition has fire sprinklers⁴, and

Whereas a change in the tax code will support small businesses and support the construction industry⁵, and

Whereas the Fraternal Government Relations Coalition has earmarked over \$1 billion in capital improvement projects that would commence following the passage of the legislation⁶, and

Whereas the Collegiate Housing and Infrastructure Act has bipartisan and bicameral support⁷, and

Whereas 197 current congressional representatives and 32 past senators have served as cosponsors for the legislation⁸, and

¹ http://ohiounion.osu.edu/get_involved/sorority_fraternity/membership_statistics

² <http://www.osu.edu/osutoday/stuinfo.php>

³ http://waysandmeans.house.gov/uploadedfilusssues/fraternal_government_relations_coalition_2.pdf

⁴ http://waysandmeans.house.gov/uploadedfilusssues/fraternal_government_relations_coalition_2.pdf

⁵ http://waysandmeans.house.gov/uploadedfilusssues/fraternal_government_relations_coalition_2.pdf

⁶ Ibid

⁷ http://waysandmeans.house.gov/uploadedfilusssues/fraternal_government_relations_coalition_2.pdf

⁸ Ibid

38
39
40
41
42
43
44
45
46
47
48
49
50
51
52
53
54
55
56
57
58
59
60
61
62
63
64
65
66
67
68
69
70
71
72
73
74
75
76
77
78
79
80
81
82
83

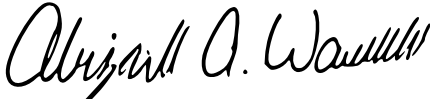
Therefore, Let It Be Resolved that the Undergraduate Student Government at The Ohio State University supports Congressional passage of the Collegiate Housing and Infrastructure Act, and

Let It Further Be Resolved that the Undergraduate Student Government at The Ohio State University asks the Ohio Congressional Delegation to sponsor the Collegiate Housing and Infrastructure Act.

Floor Vote— Aye: 41 Nay: 0 Present: 48 7 Abstentions



Abby Grossman
President



Abby Waidelich
Vice President

Date Adopted: April 15, 2015

Date Terminated: _____