Texas A&M University  
Graduate and Professional Student Council  
General Assembly  
2016-2017 Session

A Resolution In Opposition of Senate Bill 6 - “Texas Privacy Act” of the 85th Texas Legislature  
Presented by Alisha Ahamed on February 21, 2017

Whereas: The Graduate and Professional Student Council exists to govern and to serve as the voice of all graduate and professional students at Texas A&M University.

Whereas: The Senate Bill 6 - ‘Relating to regulations and policies for entering or using a bathroom or changing facility; authorizing a civil penalty; increasing criminal penalties’ seeks to place undue burden on the transgender and gender non-conforming community by forcing members to use a bathroom that corresponds to their biological sex [1].

Whereas: The Graduate and Professional Student Council understands the intention of the authors in trying to ensure public safety but contends that there is no firm data or verifiable information of a transgender person harassing a cisgender person in a bathroom/showering facility [OR] of male predators pretending to be transgender attempted to gain access to women’s spaces in the State of Texas.

Whereas: The results of a study conducted by St.Edward’s University, Austin that was commissioned by the Texas Association of Business indicate that the bathroom bill could cost the state upwards of $8 billion in economic impact and 100,000 jobs lost[2]

Whereas: Aside from the economic impact, the Graduate and Professional Council urges the members of the Senate to consider the discrimination that the trans community will face following the enactment of such a law.

Whereas: Similar legislation HB 1748 filed during the 84th Legislature have been shot down by members of the Texas Legislature due to the discriminatory language and the negative repercussions it would have on the Texas economy[3]
Let it be Resolved: The Graduate and Professional Student Council urges the members of the esteemed Senate body and the members of the Senate Committee on State Affairs to follow the example of Speaker Joe Straus and disallow the bill from proceeding further.

Let it be Resolved: A copy of this resolution shall be posted and delivered to:

Further Resolved:

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Chair, Senate Committee on State Affairs

Sen. Bryan Hughes  
Vice Chair, Senate Committee on State Affairs

Sen. Brian Birdwell  
Member, Senate Committee on State Affairs

Sen. Brandon Creighton  
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