

Texas A&M University  
Graduate and Professional Student Council  
General Assembly  
2017-2018 Session

**A Resolution Thanking Senator Cornyn for Supporting Graduate Students**

*Presented by Brenna Lin on December 5, 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: On Thursday, November 2nd, 2017, Rep. Kevin Brady (R-TX-8) introduced H.R.1 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act which would amend the Internal Revenue Code.
- Whereas: H.R.1 eliminates section 117(d), section 127, the Student Loan Interest Deduction, and alters the American Opportunity Tax Credit.
- Whereas: Elimination of these provisions would result in a significant increase in the tax burden of graduate students.
- Whereas: On November 16th, 2017, the Senate Finance Committee introduced their version of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act.
- Whereas: The Senate version of the bill currently keeps section 117(d), section 127, and the Student Loan Interest Deduction which would allow graduate students to pursue graduate education without an unnecessary amount of financial burden.
- Whereas: Senator Cornyn is a member of the Senate Finance Committee that crafted and supported a bill that recognizes the burden that increased taxes would cause for graduate students.
- Let it be Resolved: The Graduate and Professional Student Council at Texas A&M wants to thank Senator Cornyn for his attention to higher education and continued support of graduate students.

Let it be  
Further  
Resolved:

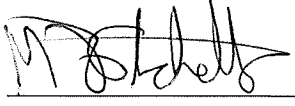
A copy of this resolution shall be posted and delivered to:

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Action Taken: Passed

Certified By:   
Christian Nygren  
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Date: 12/7/17

Duly Approved By:   
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