A STATEMENT OF POSITION REGARDING THE DEVELOPMENT, RELIEF, AND EDUCATION FOR ALIEN MINORS (DREAM) ACT

WHEREAS, many children have been brought to the United States from foreign countries by their parents, and are legally classified as undocumented immigrants,

WHEREAS, these students have grown up and attended school in the United States, and in many cases have distinguished themselves academically or otherwise,

WHEREAS, as minors these students have no means to obtain legal status and face significant hardships as a result, including an inability to work legally in the United States and limited access to higher education,

WHEREAS, States are penalized for providing in-state tuition and other higher education benefits to students without a determination of citizenship,

WHEREAS, bipartisan legislation addressing these issues, entitled the Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors (DREAM) Act, has been introduced in both the United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate,

WHEREAS, this legislation would allow these students, upon graduation from high school, to apply for temporary legal status, with the ability to earn full residency with a path to citizenship if they graduate college or serve in the military, and thereby making them eligible for federal loans and work/study opportunities,

WHEREAS, the DREAM Act would change the law so that States would no longer be required to pay a fine for providing in-state tuition to undocumented immigrants,

WHEREAS, approximately 65,000 students would have access to these benefits annually, allowing these students to become American citizens and attend college,

WHEREAS, recent polling has indicated that 70 percent of the nation supports passage of the DREAM Act,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Undergraduate Student Government of the University of Connecticut supports the DREAM Act, and urges its passage through Congress as quickly as possible, joining 50 universities nationwide,
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The Undergraduate Student Government supports and encourages campus initiatives to raise awareness and garner support for the DREAM Act,

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, The Undergraduate Student Government urges the President of the University of Connecticut to join the 19 other University Presidents in support of the DREAM Act.

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