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## STUDENT SENATE

S10RS

SGR No. 13

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**A RESOLUTION**

TO URGE AND REQUEST THAT THE LOUISIANA STATE LEGISLATURE PROTECT THE INTEGRITY OF HIGHER EDUCATION FROM ANY BUDGETARY CONSTRAINTS CREATED BY THE "PATIENT PROTECTION AND AFFORDABLE CARE ACT".

**PARAGRAPH 1:** WHEREAS, BOTH THE PATIENT PROTECTION AND AFFORDABLE CARE ACT AND THE RECONCILIATION BILL WITH THE SENATE VERSION OF THE BILL WERE PASSED BY THE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON SUNDAY, MARCH 21<sup>ST</sup> 2010; AND

**PARAGRAPH 2:** WHEREAS, THE PATIENT PROTECTION AND AFFORDABLE CARE ACT WAS SIGNED INTO LAW BY PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA ON TUESDAY, MARCH 23<sup>RD</sup> 2010; AND

**PARAGRAPH 3:** WHEREAS, IN THIS PIECE OF LEGISLATION, CERTAIN MANDATES ARE IMPOSED ON THE STATES; AND

**PARAGRAPH 4:** WHEREAS, ACCORDING TO GOVERNOR BOBBY JINDAL, THE FOLLOWING ARE SOME OF THE POSSIBLE EXTERNALITIES OF THE UNFUNDED MANDATES IN THE PATIENT PROTECTION AND AFFORDABLE CARE ACT:

- a. \$200 MILLION DECREASE IN FEDERAL MEDICARE SUBSIDIES
- b. STATE FUNDED EXPANSION OF MEDICAID TO OVER 360 THOUSAND NEW ENROLLEES
- c. MEDICAID EXPANSION ALONE WILL COST THE STATE A **PROJECTED** \$345 MILLION PER YEAR; AND

**PARAGRAPH 5:** WHEREAS, THE CONSTITUTION OF LOUISIANA MAKES HIGHER EDUCATION ONE OF THE MOST FEASIBLE PLACES TO CUT IN TIMES OF FINANCIAL HARDSHIP SINCE IT IS NOT PROTECTED BY CONSTITUTIONAL STATUTES; AND

**PARAGRAPH 6:** WHEREAS, SINCE THE STATE OF LOUISIANA CANNOT AFFORD THE UNFUNDED MANDATES OF THE PATIENT PROTECTION AND AFFORDABLE CARE ACT, HIGHER EDUCATION WILL THEREFORE BE IN DANGER OF SIGNIFICANT CUTS IN FUNDING; AND

**PARAGRAPH 7:** WHEREAS, THE UNFUNDED MANDATES IN THE PATIENT PROTECTION AND AFFORDABLE CARE ACT ARE IN DIRECT OPPOSITION TO LSU STUDENT GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC ADVISING'S PROPOSAL ON FINANCING HIGHER EDUCATION, LSU STUDENT GOVERNMENT SHOULD WORK TO PROTECT THE INTEGRITY OF HIGHER EDUCATION FROM ANY

BUDGETARY CONSTRAINTS CREATED BY THESE UNFUNDED MANDATES.

**PARAGRAPH 8:** THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT OF LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE URGE AND REQUEST THAT THE LOUISIANA STATE LEGISLATURE PROTECT THE INTEGRITY OF HIGHER EDUCATION FROM ANY BUDGETARY CONSTRAINTS CREATED BY THE "PATIENT PROTECTION AND AFFORDABLE CARE ACT," AND;

**PARAGRAPH 9:** BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION BE PRESENTED TO CHANCELLOR MARTIN, GOVERNOR BOBBY JINDAL, AND THE MEMBERS OF BOTH HOUSES OF THE LOUISIANA STATE LEGISLATURE.

**PARAGRAPH 10:** THIS RESOLUTION SHALL TAKE EFFECT UPON PASSAGE BY A MAJORITY (1/2) VOTE OF THE LSU STUDENT SENATE AND SIGNATURE BY THE PRESIDENT; UPON LAPSE OF TIME FOR PRESIDENTIAL ACTION; OR IF VETOED BY THE PRESIDENT AND SUBSEQUENTLY APPROVED BY THE SENATE.

**Approved:**

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**Tyler Martin**  
**Speaker of the Senate**

**Date:**\_\_\_\_\_

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**Stuart Watkins**  
**Student Body President**

**Date:**\_\_\_\_\_