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A RESOLUTION

TO URGE ALL UNITED STATES SENATORS AND CONGRESSMEN OF LOUISIANA TO VOTE AGAINST THE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2009.

PARAGRAPH 1: WHEREAS, CURRENTLY LSU IS FACING LARGE BUDGET CUTS THAT WILL AFFECT OUR UNIVERSITY AND STATE FOR YEARS TO COME; AND

PARAGRAPH 2: WHEREAS, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVE PASSED A $819 BILLION AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT; AND

PARAGRAPH 3: WHEREAS, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH, THE UNITED STATES SENATE PASSED A $790 BILLION AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT; AND

PARAGRAPH 4: WHEREAS, THIS BILL HAS BILLIONS OF DOLLARS OF SPENDING ON THE FOLLOWING, WHILE EDUCATION IS SUFFERING.

1. $325 MILLION ON CONSTRUCTION FOR THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
2. $300 MILLION FOR CONSTRUCTION OF NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGES, NATIONAL FISH HATCHERIES, AND OTHER SERVICES
3. $1.7 BILLION FOR NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM
4. $200 MILLION FOR NATIONAL MALL IN WASHINGTON DC
5. $200 MILLION FOR “SURVEYS, INVESTIGATION AND RESEARCH” FOR THE UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
6. $500 MILLION FOR CONSTRUCTION FOR BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
7. $800 MILLION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
8. $8.4 BILLION FOR “STATE AND TRIBAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS” FOR CLEAN WATER AND ENERGY.

PARAGRAPH 5: WHEREAS, THESE ARE JUST A FEW EXAMPLES OF EXPENDITURES THAT CAN BE FOUND BETWEEN PAGES 111 AND 116 OF THE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT AS PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THAT TOTAL TO $12,425,000,000.

PARAGRAPH 6: WHEREAS, INSTEAD OF SPENDING MONEY ON CONSTRUCTION AND INCREASING BEAURACRACY, SPENDING SHOULD BE FOCUSED ON HIGHER EDUCATION SO THAT UNIVERSITIES ACROSS THE UNITED STATES, SUCH AS LSU, DO NOT SUFFER DRASITIC CUTS.
WHEREAS, Senator Vitter voted against the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act; and

WHEREAS, Senator Landrieu voted for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Scalise, Alexander, Boustany, Cao, Fleming and Cassidy voted against the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act; and

WHEREAS Congressman Melancon voted for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT OF LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE urges the Louisiana Senators and Congressman to vote against the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, which contains wasteful spending that does not solve our educational or economic problems; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT A COPY OF THIS BILL IS GIVEN TO ALL OF THE UNITE STATES SENATORS AND CONGRESSMAN REPRESENTING LOUISIANA AND PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA.

THIS RESOLUTION SHALL TAKE EFFECT UPON PASSAGE BY A MAJORITY (1/2) VOTE OF THE LSU STUDENT SENATE AND SIGNITURE 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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BEN CLARK                      J. COLORADO ROBERTSON
STUDENT SENATE SPEAKER         STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT

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