

Indiana University - Bloomington

Graduate & Professional Student Government

Resolution to Denounce Indiana State Senate Bill No. 423

Whereas, Indiana State Senate Bill 423 (SB 423), which recently passed through committee review and is therefore slated for further legal consideration, would prohibit Indiana University from declaring itself a sanctuary campus and therefore promises to endanger the lives of undocumented students and instill fear in communities at risk of deportation, undocumented or otherwise;

Whereas, in forbidding a policy that allows the university to “harbor” undocumented persons, Senate Bill 423 would criminalize the presence of said undocumented persons on the Indiana University Bloomington campus, as well as criminalize the administration for allowing that presence [Senate Bill No. 423];

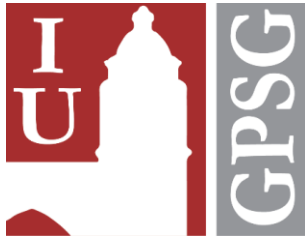
Whereas, Senate Bill 423 would require the compliance of Indiana University employees in turning undocumented community members over to federal immigration enforcement [Senate Bill No. 423];

Whereas, Senate Bill 423 would forbid any policy that restricts employees of Indiana University “cooperation or compliance with detainers or other requests” from federal immigration enforcement, thus *requiring* that all Indiana University faculty, administration, and staff share information regarding community members’ citizenship or immigration status if the information is requested of them by immigration enforcement [Senate Bill No. 423];

Whereas, Senate Bill 423 would also prohibit Indiana University itself from “enacting or implementing an ordinance a resolution, a rule, or a policy” that in any way restricts employees from sharing information about an individual’s citizenship or immigration status, thereby intruding on and limiting the power of, and protection offered by, Indiana University’s internal governing systems, such as the Bloomington Faculty Council, the Graduate and Professional Student Government, and the undergraduate Student Government [Senate Bill No. 423, amended 2/27/2017];

Whereas, the leaders of Indiana University, including President McRobbie and Provost Robel, have acknowledged the exceptional political climate and have made strides to protect students, thus indicating that they are committed to supporting vulnerable members of the community, but have not yet provided an explicit action plan should the Indiana Senate pass SB 423;

Therefore, be it resolved by the Graduate and Professional Student Government Assembly that –



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- (1) Indiana University Bloomington should publicly denounce SB423 by March 15, 2017 at the latest; and
- (2) By March 31st, 2017, Indiana University should release a contingency plan describing what actions they will take to protect students in the event SB423 is enacted; this plan should explicitly state how the administration will protect the identities and safety of undocumented students.

Respectfully submitted to and passed by the Graduate and Professional Student Government Assembly on this 3rd day of March, 2017.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Adam Penek', written over a horizontal line.

GPSG President

3/11/2017

Date