

**The Graduate Student Assembly
The University of Texas at Austin**

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Resolution: J.R. 17 (S) 2 - Joint Resolution in Support of the 2017 Invest in Texas Platform

WHEREAS (1): Invest in Texas is a non-partisan campaign that advocates for the students of The University of Texas at Austin at the Texas Legislature through the coordinated efforts of the university's three Legislative Student Organizations (LSO's), which include the Senate of College Councils, Student Government, and the Graduate Student Assembly; and,

WHEREAS (2): The Invest in Texas platform for the 2017 Texas Legislature is divided into two main areas for focus compromising of affordability and wellness. Its action points include; 1) support of continued tuition regulation by the Board of Regents 2) support for increased research funding and increased availability of scholarships for undergraduate and graduate students, 3) support for the revocation of the tuition set aside bill, 4) in support of increased funding for campus wellness and safety, and 5) in support of increased access and advocacy for mental health resources; and,

WHEREAS (3): The Invest in Texas Constitution states in Article I, section B that the purpose of Invest in Texas is "to represent students at the Texas Legislature as well as to get students involved in Texas legislative process; and,

WHEREAS (4): We as the Senate of College Councils, Student Government, and Graduate Student Assembly of The University of Texas at Austin, serve as the official voice of students and exist to represent student interests to the University of Texas at Austin Administration, among other audiences; and,

WHEREAS (5): According to the Invest in Texas Memorandum of Understanding, all three LSO's must be an active part of the Invest in Texas campaign; now,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED (1): That The University of Texas at Austin Senate of College Councils, Student Government, and Graduate Student Assembly assert that there is great value to The University and its students, faculty, and staff in adequately funding UT, allowing UT to stay academically competitive, allowing UT more autonomy in safety and welfare policies; and,

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED (2): That the Senate of College Councils, Student Government, and Graduate Student Assembly at the University of Texas at Austin, applauds the university's reputation of being "a university of the first class" and strives to maintain it by advocating at the legislature on issues of importance to higher education in order for the students' interests to be represented; and,

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED (3): That this resolution be sent to the University of Texas Board of Regents, the Office of the Chancellor, the Office of the President, The Office of the Executive Vice President and Provost, the Vice President of Student Affairs, the Department of Diversity and Community Engagement, the Office of the Dean of Students, the Office Admissions, the Office of the Vice President of Legal Affairs, the Office of Government Relations, *The Austin American-Statesman*, *The Texas Tribune*, *The Daily Texan* and *The Horn*.