



NDSA-04-2526

A Resolution in Opposition of Title VIII, Subtitle B of Congress House Resolution 1, the One Big Beautiful Bill Act

¹**WHEREAS**, the North Dakota Student Association (NDSA) represents the voice of North Dakota's 45,000 public college and university students; and,

²**WHEREAS**, the purpose of NDSA is to represent all students enrolled in the North Dakota University System (NDUS) and advocate on issues of higher education in support of access, affordability, quality, and the student experience; and,

³**WHEREAS**, during the summer of 2025, United States Congress proposed and passed House Resolution 1, the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBB); and,

⁴**WHEREAS**, OBBB was signed into federal law by President Trump on July 4th, 2025; and,

⁵**WHEREAS**, in Title VIII, Subtitle B, the OBBB eliminates Grad PLUS loans that allowed borrowing up to the full cost of attendance; and,

⁶**WHEREAS**, in the same Subtitle, the OBBB reduces aggregate loan caps of \$100,000 from \$138,500 for graduate students and \$200,000 from \$224,000 for professional degrees, and caps the Parent PLUS loan at \$65,000 per student; and,

⁷**WHEREAS**, these reductions in loan aggregate limits reduce the cost of affordability to attend colleges and universities in North Dakota and across the country; and,

⁸**WHEREAS**, the number of graduate students attending NDUS institutions has increased every year since Fall 2022, with Fall 2024 seeing a decade high of 6,008 graduate students enrolled at NDUS institutions^[2]; and,

⁹**WHEREAS**, In 2023-2024, the NDUS reported 2,325 completed Master's degrees, Post-Baccalaureate and Post-Master's certificates, and Doctorate degrees^[3]; and,

¹⁰**WHEREAS**, the average cost of graduate degree within the NDUS is 11,200 dollars a year^[4]; and,

¹¹**WHEREAS**, one of the NDSA's legislative priorities for the 2025-2027 biennium is to incentivize students to attend NDUS institutions by increasing the affordability of the NDUS^[5]; so,

¹**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, due to the decrease in affordability for attending college and universities for graduate students, the NDSA opposes the passage of Title VIII, Subtitle B of Congress House Resolution 1, One Big Beautiful Bill.



*Approved by the North Dakota Student Association General Assembly
Saturday, October 4th, 2025*