The Student Senate
Texas A&M University

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The Student Senate
64th Session
Texas A&M University

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Action Taken Passed
May 2nd

Certified By:
Tanner Wilson
Speaker of the Senate

Duly Approved:

Higher Education Budget Cut Opposition Bill
Special Designation: Renewed Bill

“A bill protesting the level of funding decreases for Texas A&M University in the Proposed 2011-2013 Texas Budget.”

Whereas(1): The Texas Legislative Budget Board charged Texas A&M University to cut five (5) percent, approximately $28 million, of their budget for fiscal year 2010 and 2011 which has resulted in the elimination of numerous teaching positions and course sections; and,

Whereas(2): The Texas Legislative Budget Board has since requested that Texas A&M University prepare to cut an additional ten (10) percent from their budgets for fiscal year 2012 and 2013; and,

Whereas(3): Texas A&M University will be significantly affected by these cuts; and,
Whereas(4): State appropriations account for a significant portion of funding for academic programs and teaching at the university; and,

Whereas(5): Maintaining the quality of education at Texas A&M University is critical for the future prosperity of the State of Texas and the United States.

Therefore Let it be Enacted(1): That it is the opinion of the students of Texas A&M University that the choice of budget cuts enacted by the state engenders a pointed disregard for the future prosperity and education of students at Texas A&M University and the State of Texas; and,

Therefore Let it be Enacted(2): That the students of Texas A&M University are firmly object to the substantial decreases in the Texas budget for higher education; and,

Therefore Let it be Enacted(3): That the students of Texas A&M University request that members of the 82nd Session of the Texas Legislature vote “against” any budgetary measure proposed which entails a full ten (10) percent budgetary reduction for fiscal year 2012 and 2013; and,