



# The Student Senate

Texas A&M University

S.R. 70-29

**The Student Senate  
70th Session  
Texas A&M University**

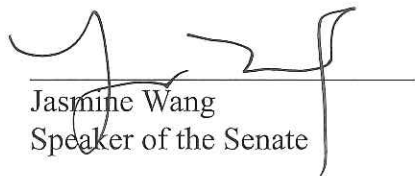
**Introduced By:** Katina Economides, Chair of Legislative Affairs, Off-Campus Caucus  
Eric Mendoza, Chair of Student Services, Freshman Caucus  
Wes Fisher, College of Liberal Arts Caucus

**Sponsored By:** Evan Diamantaras, Off-Campus Caucus  
Connor Hull, Off-Campus Caucus  
Ashali Chimata, College of Liberal Arts Caucus  
Samuel Stegall, College of Education Caucus  
Mitch Parker, Dwight Look College of Engineering Caucus

**Action Taken** \_\_\_\_\_

PASSED

**Certified By:** \_\_\_\_\_

  
Jasmine Wang  
Speaker of the Senate

## **The Opposition of the PROSPER Act's Proposal To Remove Free Speech Zones Resolution**

*"A resolution in opposition of the PROSPER Act's proposal to remove free speech zones."*

- Whereas(1):** The 115th session of Congress has introduced H.R. 4508, the Promoting Real Opportunity, Success and Prosperity Through Education Reform (PROSPER) Act; and,
- Whereas(2):** Section 111 of H.R. 4508 address Free Speech Protections; and,
- Whereas(3):** The PROSPER Act includes a "sense of Congress" resolution that includes free speech zones may be at odds with ones First Amendment rights to free speech; and,
- Whereas(4):** Section 111 states that no public institution receiving Title IX funds will be allowed to restrict free speech through such zones or codes; and,



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- Whereas(5):** Appendix XI of Texas A&M University's Student Rules addresses Rules on Freedom of Expression; and,
- Whereas(6):** Student rules state that "Texas A&M University is committed to providing an educational and work climate that is conducive to the personal and professional development of each individual. In fulfilling its multiple missions as an institution of higher learning, it encourages the free exchange of ideas. The university will protect the rights of freedom of speech, expression, petition and peaceful assembly as set forth in the U.S. Constitution. Texas A&M University maintains its right to regulate reasonable time, place and manner restrictions concerning acts of expression and dissent."; and,
- Whereas(7):** As a public institution of higher learning, Texas A&M University provides forums for the expression of ideas and opinions; and,
- Whereas(8):** Texas A&M has traditional public forums, such as public streets, designated public forums that may become temporarily available for expressive activity as designated by the university, limited public forums designated by the office of the Dean of Student Life, and non-public forums, such as classrooms, academic buildings, and residence hall rooms.; and,
- Whereas(9):** The removal of free speech zones at Texas A&M will allow protests and/or freedom of expression to be publicized in all areas of campus, including but not limited to: academic buildings, hallways, and residence halls; therefore, will cause disruption of proper learning environments; and,
- Whereas(10):** Reservable free speech areas on campus allow one to engage in expressive activities within the boundaries noted in Appendix XI of Texas A&M Student Rules; and,
- Whereas(11):** This resolution is written not in opposition of free speech, but in opposition of the removal of free speech zones, proposed by the PROSPER Act, in order to ensure a fair and peaceful learning environment is provided to all students at Texas A&M University ; and,

**Therefore**

**Let it be**

**Resolved(1):** Texas A&M University respects everyone's first amendment rights, however we work to uphold the primary goal of quality education for this institution and,

**Let it be**

**Further**



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**Resolved(2):** The Texas A&M Student Senate opposes' the PROSPER Act's efforts to remove free speech zones from college campuses; and,

**Let it be**

**Further**

**Resolved(3):** A copy of this resolution be sent to:

Mr. Michael O'Quinn, Vice-President of Government Relations

Dr. Daniel Pugh, Vice-President of Student Activities

The Honorable John Cornyn, United States Senator of Texas

The Honorable Ted Cruz, United States Senator of Texas

Congressman Paul Ryan, 1st Congressional District of Wisconsin, Speaker of the  
U.S. House of Representatives

Congressman Louie Gohmert Jr., 1st Congressional District of Texas

Congressman Ted Poe, 2nd Congressional District of Texas

Congressman Sam Johnson, 3rd Congressional District of Texas

Congressman John Ratcliffe, 4th Congressional District of Texas

Congressman Jeb Hensarling, 5th Congressional District of Texas

Congressman Joe Barton, 6th Congressional District of Texas

Congressman John Culberson, 7th Congressional District of Texas

Congressman Kevin Brady, 8th Congressional District of Texas

Congressman Al Green, 9th Congressional District of Texas

Congressman Michael McCaul, 10th Congressional District of Texas

Congressman Michael Conaway, 11th Congressional District of Texas

Congresswoman Kay Granger, 12th Congressional District of Texas

Congressman Mac Thornberry, 13th Congressional District of Texas

Congressman Randy Weber, 14th Congressional District of Texas

Congressman Vicente Gonzalez, 15th Congressional District of Texas

Congressman Beto O'Rourke, 16th Congressional District of Texas

Congressman Bill Flores, 17th Congressional District of Texas

Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee, 18th Congressional District of Texas

Congressman Jodey Arrington, 19th Congressional District of Texas

Congressman Joaquin Castro, 20th Congressional District of Texas

Congressman Lamar Smith, 21st Congressional District of Texas

Congressman Pete Olson, 22nd Congressional District of Texas

Congressman Will Hurd, 23rd Congressional District of Texas

Congressman Kenny Marchant, 24th Congressional District of Texas

Congressman Roger Williams, 25th Congressional District of Texas

Congressman Michael Burgess, 26th Congressional District of Texas

Congressman Blake Farenthold, 27th Congressional District of Texas

Congressman Henry Cuellar, 28th Congressional District of Texas

Congressman Gene Green, 29th Congressional District of Texas



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Congresswoman Eddie Johnson, 30th Congressional District of Texas  
Congressman John Carter, 31st Congressional District of Texas  
Congressman Pete Sessions, 32nd Congressional District of Texas  
Congressman Marc Veasey, 33rd Congressional District of Texas  
Congressman Filemon Vela, 34th Congressional District of Texas  
Congressman Lloyd Doggett, 35th Congressional District of Texas  
Congressman Brian Babin, 36th Congressional District of Texas