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UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-EAU CLAIRE  
STUDENT SENATE RESOLUTION

IN OPPOSITION TO SB6 IN ITS CURRENT FORM AND IN SUPPORT OF  
STUDENT-FRIENDLY CHANGES TO SB6: THE VOTER ID LAW

1           WHEREAS, UW-Eau Claire Student Senate knows that voting is  
2 a right given to qualified electors by Article III, Section I in  
3 the Wisconsin State Constitution and that voting should be  
4 encouraged and practiced without undue impedance to those  
5 qualified electors who wish to vote; and

6           WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin has a record of being one  
7 of the best states in the country in terms of voter turnout,  
8 with a turnout rate in 2008 of the voting-eligible population  
9 that ranked second in the nation; and

10           WHEREAS, Senate Bill 6 (SB6), in its current form, would  
11 require all qualified electors to provide a valid, current  
12 license or photo identification issued by a state or military in  
13 order to register and to cast a ballot; and

14           WHEREAS, Senate Bill 6 should allow voters with a student  
15 ID as an acceptable form of identification; and

16           WHEREAS, Senate Bill 6 in its current form would eliminate  
17 corroboration, a currently legal registration practice that  
18 allows for greater participation in democracy; and

19           WHEREAS, participation in the democratic process by  
20 qualified student electors has increased in the past elections  
21 and Senate Bill 6 in its current form would reverse this  
22 progress; and

23           WHEREAS, the issue of student voting is not a partisan one;

24           BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the students of the  
25 University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire oppose the passage of Senate  
26 Bill 6 in its current form; and

27           BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that SB6 should be amended to  
28 include student ID's as valid voter identification; and

29           BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that SB6 be amended to remove the  
30 requirement that photo ID be included with absentee ballots; and

31           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that UW-Eau Claire Student Senate  
32 implore Representatives Warren Petryk and Kathy Bernier, as well  
33 as State Senators Kathleen Vinehout and Terry Moulton, to oppose  
34 Senate Bill 6 in its current form and all other comparable  
35 bills; and

36           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the event of Senate Bill 6's  
37 passage in its current form through both the Assembly and  
38 Senate, UW-Eau Claire Student Senate requests Governor Scott

39 Walker veto Senate Bill 6 in its current form or any comparable  
40 bill; and

41 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that upon passage President Jambrek  
42 transmit copies of this resolution to Dr. Brian Levin-  
43 Stankevich, Chancellor; Dr. Patricia Klein, Provost/Vice  
44 Chancellor; Dr. Beth Hellwig, Vice Chancellor, Student Affairs;  
45 Dr. Brian Carlisle, Dean of Students; Dr. Susan Harrison, Chair,  
46 University Senate; The Spectator; The Leader-Telegram;  
47 Representative Warren Petryk; Representative Kathy Bernier;  
48 State Senator Kathleen Vinehout; State Senator Terry Moulton;  
49 and Governor Scott Walker.

SUBMITTED BY:

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