BILL NO. 53-62

INTRODUCED BY: Donovan SECONDED BY: Brown

A BILL TO: Empower the VPGA to lobby the governments of Michigan and the United States to expand the “Craig Exception.”

THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY ENACT:

WHEREAS, Sexual Assault is a high-priority issue among those facing students at Michigan State University; and

WHEREAS, in 1992, the Supreme Court ruled on “Maryland V. Craig,” allowing a child to testify against an alleged perpetrator of sexual assault in a separate room with fewer people without it being considered a 6th Amendment violation; and

WHEREAS, this allowance was made on the grounds that the child felt rightfully threatened by their alleged abuser; and

WHEREAS, This allowance shall be known for the purposes of this act as the “Craig Exception;” and

WHEREAS, adults who are victims of violence also have considerable reason to be fearful of their attackers, therefore be it

RESOLVED, The Vice President of Government Affairs shall be empowered to use all available resources to lobby the governments of Michigan and of the United States to—through legislation—expand the “Craig exception” to adult victims of sexual assault, relationship violence, and stalking.

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REFERRED TO Policy COMMITTEE ON Mar.16.2017

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FINAL ACTION TAKEN X 15-6-2 Mar.23.2017 PASSED FAILED VOTE DATE

PRESIDENT VPIA