

**ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF  
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**FIFTY-SECOND SESSION**

**BILL NO. 52-68**

**INTRODUCED BY: Van Huysel**

**SECONDED BY: Budecca**

**A BILL TO: Provide Support to the Flint Child Health and Development Fund**

**THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY ENACT:**

WHEREAS, Flint, Michigan is currently experiencing a drinking water crisis whereby residents have been poisoned by lead-contaminated drinking water causing elevated lead levels in the blood of the city's youth, after the city's water source was switched to the Flint River by the State-appointed emergency manager; and

WHEREAS, It is known that lead can have permanent and long-term effects on mental health, IQ, and development, particularly when it comes to infants, children, and the elderly; and

WHEREAS, Access to clean drinking water is fundamental to the health and well-being of America's communities and families, More importantly, clean drinking water is one of the most basic human rights; and

WHEREAS, An estimated 5,400 school-aged students were drinking lead-tainted water in their schools and many more students were exposed to unsafe water at home. Hundreds of students in early childhood programs have been impacted as well; and

WHEREAS, The Community Foundation of Greater Flint has created the Flint Child Health & Development Fund as a supplemental resource to the ongoing pursuit of state and federal funding; and

WHEREAS, This fund is being managed and advised by a committee of community members with representation from residents, Hurley Children's Hospital, Mott Children's Health Center, Greater Flint Health Coalition, United Way of Genesee County, and the Community Foundation of Greater Flint to ensure that that funds will be effectively utilized to aid children and support positive health outcomes for Flint Children.

WHEREAS, The Mission Statement of Michigan State University states that as a public, research-intensive, land-grant University funded in part by the state of Michigan, our mission is to advance knowledge and transform lives by:

Conducting research of the highest caliber that seeks to answer questions and create solutions in order to expand human understanding and make a positive difference, both locally and globally

Advancing outreach, engagement, and economic development activities that are innovative, research-driven, and lead to a better quality of life for individuals and communities, at home and around the world; and

WHEREAS, The Preamble to the ASMSU Constitution mentions the need to promote Health and wellness, and further mentions that we as an organization accept the responsibility to address the unique needs and concerns of the Student community; and

WHEREAS, Flint, Michigan is certainly part of the student community as home to many MSU Students, as well as the site of an MSU satellite Campus

WHEREAS, It is critical of us, as a community to remember the crucial need for resources for the Flint area, and to do everything in our capability to help enable them to assist children and families in the midst of this ongoing state of emergency; Therefore Be It

RESOLVED, That the Associated Students of Michigan State University allocate \$30,000 to the Flint Child Health & Development Fund to support their continued efforts towards helping Flint Children during the ongoing Water Crisis.

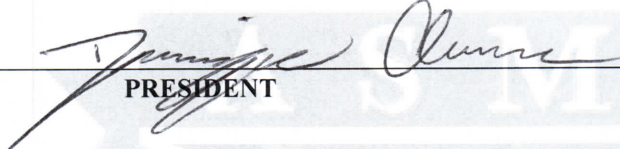
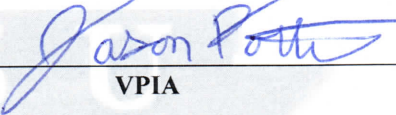
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