

**ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FIFTY-FOURTH SESSION**

BILL NO. 54-50

INTRODUCED BY: Rifiotis

SECONDED BY: Pepper

A BILL TO: Allocate funds to support the MSU Food Bank

THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY ENACT:

- WHEREAS, Food insecurity – the lack of reliable access to sufficient quantities of affordable, nutritious food – is common at colleges and universities across the country, potentially undermining the educational success of untold thousands of students; and,
- WHEREAS, Since 1993, the MSU Student Food Bank provides free food and related items to students facing food insecurity and in need of assistance, providing supplemental support; meaning it does not supply all the food a student will need for two weeks but a goal to cut a grocery bill at least in half; and,
- WHEREAS, All of the funds for distribution expenses of the MSU Food Bank are raised through charitable donations from organizations and community members, and because the food is purchased entirely through the generosity of individuals and groups, monetary support is essential to the success of the service; and,
- WHEREAS, The MSU Food Bank serves over 4,000 students and their families in a year, distributing about 99,000 pounds of food annually to said students and their families; and,
- WHEREAS, Food insecurity is detrimental to student success in the pursuit of higher education, with potential for missing class, not buying required materials such as textbooks, and even dropping classes, but most importantly, directly affecting student mental and physical health; and,
- WHEREAS, The preamble of ASMSU is to “promote the health and wellness of undergraduate Spartans,” an area in which we need to address student health through food insecurity being an essential area to further prioritize; therefore, be it,
- RESOLVED, The Associated Students of Michigan State University (ASMSU) allocates \$7,500 from the General Fund toward the MSU Food Bank to support students in an effort to help end food insecurity on our campus.

INTRODUCED ON Mar.29.2018

REFERRED TO Finance Committee ON Mar.29.2018

SPECIAL ACTION TAKEN Sent to GA DATE Mar.29.2018

COMMITTEE ACTION	<u>X</u>	<u>11-0-0</u>	<u>Mar.29.2018</u>
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		VOTE	

FINAL ACTION TAKEN X 40-0-0 Apr. 5. 2018
PASSED FAILED VOTE DATE


PRESIDENT


VP/IA

