ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

FIFTY-FIFTH SESSION

Bill NO. 55-33

INTRODUCED BY: SARGENT                SECONDED BY: WIEBRECHT

A RESOLUTION TO: Support the MSU Sister Survivors of Nassar’s Assaults and Advocate for the Immediate Re-opening of the MSU Healing Fund

THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY ENACT:

WHEREAS, Michigan State University allowed sexual violence and abuse by Larry Nassar to occur for nearly two decades, ignoring reports and not adequately investigating allegations when they were repeatedly made; and

WHEREAS, Many Sister Survivors of Dr. Larry Nassar’s victimization that are currently Michigan State University students feel victimized by the lack of institutional and university administration support; and

WHEREAS, The Healing and Assistance Fund was established in December 2017 to provide Nassar survivors with resources needed for counseling and mental health services; and

WHEREAS, MSU decided to suspend further payments to the Fund in light of an investigation into fraudulent claims in July 2018; and

WHEREAS, MSU Police determined Nassar survivors have not made any fraudulent claims in October concerning the fund; and

WHEREAS, Interim President Engler has decided to discontinue the Healing and Assistance Fund; and

WHEREAS, MSU’s Relationship Violence and Sexual Misconduct (RVSM) Workgroup has published a research memo stating that discontinuing the Healing and Assistance Fund could negatively affect survivors.
WHEREAS, MSU Relationship Violence and Sexual Misconduct (RVSM) Workgroup Chairman Professor Rebecca Campbell voiced that “there are significant health risks for survivors if treatment is delayed or interrupted.”; and

WHEREAS, As the Associated Students of Michigan State University, it is our duty to advocate for the students, especially in the cases of survivors and other marginalized individuals and groups.

RESOLVED, That the Associated Students of Michigan State University supports the MSU Sister Survivors of Nassar’s Assaults and advocates for Nassar victims to receive necessary financial support for trauma-informed therapy and counseling relating to Dr. Nassar’s systemic sexual abuse; and therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Associated Students of Michigan State University advocates for the immediate re-opening of the MSU Healing Fund and Assistance Fund.

INTRODUCED ON During 12-6-18 General Assembly meeting

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON

SPECIAL ACTION TAKEN DATE

COMMITTEE ACTION

PASSED FAILED VOTE DATE

FINAL ACTION TAKEN Voice Majority

PASSED FAILED VOTE DATE

President Pro Tempore

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