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## Senate Bill (R) 52-007 Opposition to Budget Cuts

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# University of South Florida Student Senate

*A resolution in adamant opposition to the Florida State Senate's proposed budget cuts to the  
University of South Florida*

**Be it resolved by the Senate of the University of South Florida Student Government assembled,**

**Whereas,** the Senate of the University of South Florida Student Government, in the interest of its Student Body, adamantly opposes the significant and disproportional reduction in state allocations to the University of South Florida.

**Whereas,** the Senate is appalled by lack of rationale or justification warranting a proposed fifty-eight percent (58%) budget cut amassing to more than one hundred and twenty eight million dollars (\$128 million) in the upcoming fiscal year.

**Whereas,** the Senate recognizes that the devastating budget cuts directly threaten the welfare and academic success of every student at the University South Florida System.

**Whereas,** the Senate believes that the proposed budget cuts would deter talented students and faculty from the University of South Florida and the Tampa Bay region.

**Whereas,** the Senate holds it to be true that this huge and unfair budget cut will adversely affect the number of classes offered to students, their graduation rate and the faculty-student ratio, thereby severely diminishing the reputation and standing of the institution.

**Whereas,** the Senate fears that the effects of this proposal, if left unchecked, would rescind and annul many of the distinctions, honors, and accomplishments earned by the University of South Florida.

**Whereas,** the Senate believes these cuts will reduce the competitiveness of the University of South Florida throughout the state, nation and around the globe.

**Whereas,** these dramatic budget cuts adversely affect the success of the USF Student Body by reducing both the value of their diploma and the opportunities afforded to them.

**Therefore, be it resolved by the Senate of the University of South Florida Student Government assembled,** that the Student Body stands in overwhelming opposition to proposed budget cuts from the Florida State Senate and consequently urges the Florida Legislature to act responsibly and with the interest of our Student Body in mind.

*ATTEST:*

*Rachel Brown*

Rachel E. Brown  
President Pro Tempore



*[Signature]*

Khalid J. Hassounch  
Senate President

*This is a true and correct copy of Senate Resolution 52-007,  
adopted by the Senate on February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011.*