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**Resolution to Support the Defendant in the Affirmative Action case before the
United States Supreme Court**

WHEREAS, Diversity is a central part to and well-rounded education, and,

WHEREAS, Affirmative Action programs help to diversify our campus with respect to race, gender, ethnicity, and disability, and,

WHEREAS, Affirmative Action does not mean a neglect or diminishment of standards or qualifications and is not a system of quotas, but enables everybody to be equally, included and fairly considered for admissions, and,

WHEREAS, The Undergraduate Student Government has stood by the University of Michigan in the face of this legal attack, has supported the student defendant interventions, and has supported various forms of student involvement in these two historic legal cases, and,

WHEREAS, the appeal of the two University of Michigan affirmative action lawsuits, Gratz V. Bollinger and Grutter V. Bollinger, will be heard in the spring of 2003 before the United States Supreme Court. A loss in the University of Michigan cases would mean the immediate banning of affirmative action in higher education in the nation, and,

WHEREAS, The "Petition to Support the University of Michigan Affirmative Action Cases" is being circulated on campuses and in communities across the country to express the public support for affirmative action and integration in higher education. The petitions will be presented to the court on the day the appeal will be heard, and,

WHEREAS, The legality of any and all measures designed to offset patterns of inequality and discrimination in our society will likely be determined by the outcome of the Supreme Court decision.

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, The Undergraduate Student Government at The Ohio State University support the Defendant, the University of Michigan and encourage university Senate, President Holbrook and the Board of Trustees to write and amicus curiae in support of the case.

THEREFORE LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED, That the Undergraduate Student Government at The Ohio State University, representing over 40,000 undergraduate student, stand against any action taken by the Supreme Court or the bush Administration to reverse or dismantle affirmative action programs in college admissions.

Eddie Pauline,
USG President

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USG Speaker of the Senate