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## **S15RS SGR No. 14 (Support of CHIA)**

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3 STUDENT SENATE

4 S15RS

5 SGR No. 14

6 BY: SENATOR DE GRAVELLE

7 A RESOLUTION

8 TO SUPPORT THE COLLEGIATE HOUSING AND INFRASTRUCTURE ACT (CHIA).

9 PARAGRAPH 1: WHEREAS, CURRENTLY MORE THAN 20 ORGANIZATIONS AT  
10 LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY OFFER STUDENTS NOT-FOR-  
11 PROFIT HOUSING THROUGHOUT THEIR TIME IN COLLEGE; AND

12 PARAGRAPH 2: WHEREAS, THE CURRENT TAX LAW PREVENTS ANY NON-FOR-  
13 PROFIT ENTITY FROM UTILIZING TAX-DEDUCTIBLE CHARITY  
14 CONTRIBUTIONS AS A WAY TO MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE HOUSING  
15 ENVIRONMENTS; AND

16 PARAGRAPH 3: WHEREAS, THE STUDENTS AFFECTED BY THIS DISTINCTION IN  
17 THE TAX LAW TEND TO LIVE IN SUB-STANDARD HOUSING  
18 BECAUSE THEY DO NOT POSSESS THE FUNDS NEEDED TO BETTER  
19 THEIR QUALITY OF LIVING; AND

20 PARAGRAPH 4: WHEREAS, THE CHIA WOULD ELIMINATE A DISTINCTION IN THE  
21 EXISTING TAX LAW THAT WOULD ALLOW TAX-EXEMPT  
22 CHARITABLE AND EDUCATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS TO MAKE  
23 GRANTS TO NON-FOR-PROFIT STUDENT HOUSING ENTITIES; AND

24 PARAGRAPH 5: WHEREAS, THIS ACT WOULD ENCOURAGE CHARITABLE  
25 CONTRIBUTIONS FOR HOUSING AND INFRASTRUCTURE GRANTS IN  
26 ORDER TO MAINTAIN AND INSTALL LIFE-SAVING EQUIPMENT  
27 SUCH AS FIRE SPRINKLERS, SMOKE DETECTORS, AND ALARM  
28 SYSTEMS.

29 PARAGRAPH 6: THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LOUISIANA  
30 STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT SENATE THAT THE LSU  
31 STUDENT SENATE SUPPORTS THE COLLEGIATE HOUSING AND  
32 INFRASTRUCTURE ACT, AND

33 PARAGRAPH 7: THIS RESOLUTION SHALL TAKE EFFECT UPON PASSAGE BY A  
34 SIMPLE MAJORITY (ONE-HALF PLUS ONE) VOTE OF THE LSU  
35 STUDENT SENATE AND SIGNATURE BY THE PRESIDENT, UPON  
36 LAPSE OF TIME FOR PRESIDENTIAL ACTION, OR IF VETOED BY THE  
37 PRESIDENT AND SUBSEQUENTLY APPROVED BY THE SENATE, ON  
38 THE DATE OF SUCH APPROVAL.

39 APPROVED:

40 Adam Grashoff  
41 ADAM GRASHOFF  
42 SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

43 Clayton Tufts  
44 CLAYTON TUFTS  
45 STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT

46 DATE: 3/12/15

47 DATE: 3/16/15