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Voter Transportation

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Whereas, *The Council of Commonwealth Student Governments (CCSG) represents the concerns of the students attending the campus in matters of a university-wide nature, as well as those issues impacting the combined interests of the campuses.*

Whereas, Transportation to and from polling centers is essential to higher voter turnout. By engaging students in elections, elections become more representative of the always-changing American populace.

Whereas, In 2016, 18 to 29 year-olds comprised 39% of votes [Bureau, 2020]; In 2020 that number increased to 50% [Half of youth, 2021]. By providing students with the resources to vote, voter turnout increases substantially.

Whereas, For the 2022 midterms, 8 million Americans reached the legal voting age, thus making up 16% of the 18-29 age range [More than 8 million, 2022]. It is vital that students have transportation from all campuses to ensure they get to the polls in order to cast their votes.

Be it resolved, Beginning in the Fall of 2023, it is suggested that all Penn State campuses use any transportation resources they have available to them to provide students transportation to voting polls on Election Day. On the Tuesday after the first Monday in November, campuses would be encouraged to

provide this transportation, driven by staff on a rotation, which would allow students to exercise their most fundamental right to vote for new governmental leaders at local, state, and federal levels of government, so long as an election year is occurring.

Respectfully,

Gonzalo Ingram,

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Council Action

Vote 34 : 3 : 0 Pass: x Fail: Postponed:

Presidential Action

Approved: X Veto: Date: 11/07/2022



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