

Associated Students, Inc.
California Polytechnic State University
San Luis Obispo

Resolution #20-09

RESOLUTION REGARDING STUDENTS LEFT OUT OF THE CORONAVIRUS
AID, RELIEF, AND ECONOMIC SECURITY ACT (“CARES ACT”)

- WHEREAS: The ASI Board of Directors serves as the official voice of students at California Polytechnic State University (Cal Poly), San Luis Obispo; and
- WHEREAS: The COVID-19 pandemic has caused economic uncertainty and individual financial crises, leading to the creation of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), which allocates relief payments up to \$1,200 per adult and \$500 per child¹; and
- WHEREAS: The CARES Act defines “child” using section 24(c) of the Internal Revenue Code² meaning individuals age 17 and over cannot collect a relief payment if they are claimed as a dependent by other adults; and
- WHEREAS: The average age of a Cal Poly student is 20.2, with 93.8% of the student population ranging between the ages of 18 and 24²; and
- WHEREAS: Many Cal Poly students are claimed as dependents for insurance and other financial benefits; and
- WHEREAS: The 23-campus California State University System is committed to ensuring academic opportunities are available to all students, regardless of citizenship status³; and
- WHEREAS: The CARES Act does not allow those without a Social Security number to collect a relief payment, meaning Cal Poly’s undocumented community and/or mixed-status community cannot receive this form of relief payment⁴; and
- WHEREAS: Students who identify as a dependent, as undocumented, or as mixed-status may be struggling with financial stability if they were terminated or furloughed from employment and/or are required to continue paying rent; and
- WHEREAS: Congressman Lou Correa’s No Taxpayer Left Behind Bill⁴ would amend the CARES Act to ensure that all taxpayers, including those with an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN), are eligible for \$1,200 relief payment; and

1 Child Tax Credit - [https://uscode.house.gov/view.xhtml?req=\(title:26%20section:24%20edition:prelim\)](https://uscode.house.gov/view.xhtml?req=(title:26%20section:24%20edition:prelim))

2 Cal Poly Demographics - https://content-calpoly-edu.s3.amazonaws.com/ir/1/images/Final_Poly%20View.pdf

3 CSU Website - <https://www2.calstate.edu/attend/student-services/resources-for-undocumented-students%20>

4 No Taxpayer Left Behind Bill - https://correa.house.gov/imo/media/doc/CORREA_051_xml%201.pdf

WHEREAS: This time of financial hardship caused by possible unemployment due to COVID-19 circumstances should warrant a relief payment regardless of dependency or citizenship status; and

WHEREAS: The financial impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic are likely to expand beyond September 2020.⁵

THEREFORE
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RESOLVED: In future federal stimulus packages and/or legislation, the ASI Board of Directors asks that the federal government include all students, especially the vulnerable student populations aforementioned, when allocating relief payments and potential grant funding; and

FURTHERMORE
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RESOLVED: The ASI Board of Directors supports Congressman Lou Correa's No Taxpayer Left Behind Bill; and

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RESOLVED: This resolution be sent to California Senator Dianne Feinstein; California Senator Kamala Harris; Congressman Salud Carbajal; Congressman Lou Correa; California Governor Gavin Newsom; California State Assembly Member Jordan Cunningham, California State Senator Bill Monning; University President Jeffrey D. Armstrong; and Vice President for Student Affairs Keith Humphrey.

Certified as the true and correct copy, in witness thereof, I have set my hand and Seal of the San Luis Obispo Cal Poly Associated Students, Inc. this 28th day of May, 2020.

ADOPTED at the regular meeting of the Board of Directors at San Luis Obispo Cal Poly Associated Students, Inc. this 27th day of May 2020.

Attest:

ASI Secretary

Signed:
ASI Chair of the Board

Signed:
ASI President

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⁵ Article on Economic Impact of COVID-19 - <https://www.forbes.com/sites/christianweller/2020/03/19/what-we-know-about-the-economic-impact-of-the-coronavirus-and-how-that-should-guide-policy/%235d0c8628375f>