

**ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY  
FORTY-SEVENTH SENATE  
SIXTH SESSION  
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**RESOLUTION #4604  
IN SUPPORT OF THE PEACEFUL FREEDOM OF SPEECH AT COLORADO STATE  
UNIVERSITY**

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ABSTRACT: This Resolution seeks to applaud the Colorado General Assembly's efforts to protect college students' First Amendment rights while on campus through the passage of SB17-062, which prohibits public institutions of higher education from limiting or restricting student expression in a student forum. In addition, this resolution calls upon Colorado State University to take additional steps to support and uphold the ideals of intellectual diversity.

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WHEREAS

Limiting open inquiry and the free exchange of ideas on college campuses is antithetical to the mission of higher education; and,

WHEREAS

College is a place where students can, and should, explore different ideas and perspectives and nowhere is it more crucial to exercise the vigilant protection of the First Amendment; and,

WHEREAS

Free speech creates and increases diversity of thought on campus; and,

WHEREAS

Peaceful debate and civil discourse are a necessity in allowing students to find common ground and grow together as members of the Ram family; and,

WHEREAS

Free speech throughout campus benefits all students; and,

WHEREAS

ASCSU is an elected body that relies on the liberties protected by the First Amendment (freedom of speech, of the press, of peaceful assembly, and to petition) to execute its mission to serve the students of Colorado State University; so,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED

ASCSU hereby applauds and thanks the Colorado General Assembly and Governor Hickenlooper for enacting Senate Bill 17-062<sup>1</sup>: ‘Concerning the right to free speech on campuses of public institutions of higher education’ with bi-partisan support; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED

ASCSU supports and encourages students to exercise their First Amendment rights throughout the Student Forum<sup>2</sup> on campus; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED

ASCSU, will not stand for the intolerance nor the violence, or active degradation of identities held by anyone on campus and condemns those who choose to incite violence on any college campus, especially at Colorado State University; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED

ASCSU will not block guest speakers and instead encourages student organizations to bring speakers who promote productive debate and productive dialogue; and,

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<sup>1</sup> [http://leg.colorado.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2017A/bills/2017a\\_062\\_signed.pdf](http://leg.colorado.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2017A/bills/2017a_062_signed.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> Student Forum as defined by CO SB17-062 as forum as any generally accessible, open, outdoor area as well as any nonacademic and publicly open portion of a facility at Oklahoma State University