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BILL #5006

Funding For Rams Against Hunger Parking Spaces

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ABSTRACT: This bill requests \$473.08 to be used to reserve two parking spaces and signage for Rams Against Hunger from Colorado State University's Parking & Transportation Services for the spring semester.

WHEREAS

The USDA defines food security as “access by all people at all times to enough food for an active, healthy life” (USDA, 2021), where food insecurity is defined as the “lack of access, at times, to enough food for an active, healthy life for all household members and limited or uncertain availability of nutritionally adequate foods. Food-insecure households are not necessarily food insecure all the time. Food insecurity may reflect a household’s need to make trade-offs between important basic needs, such as housing or medical bills, and purchasing nutritionally adequate foods” (Feeding America, 2021); and,

WHEREAS

“Rams Against Hunger offers a menu of services that support students, faculty and staff experiencing food insecurity. Services include a food pantry, a meal-swipe program, pocket pantries, and in-person assistance with navigating federal aid eligibility” (Rams Against Hunger, 2021); and,

WHEREAS

In the Fall 2020 semester, only 64% of Colorado State University (CSU) classes had an in-person component (Dodge, 2020); and,

WHEREAS

Even with reduced numbers on campus, the Rams Against Hunger food pantry alone served an average of 320 Colorado State University members a week; and,

WHEREAS

1 in 10 Coloradans struggle with food insecurity, and 1 in 10 Larimer County residents face food insecurity (Feeding America, 2021); and,

WHEREAS

Based on that statistic, approximately 3,275 fellow Colorado State University students struggle with food insecurity (Institutional Research, Planning, and Effectiveness, 2021) and approximately 32,280 people in Larimer County are food insecure (Feeding America, 2021); and,

WHEREAS

The average meal in Colorado costs \$3.49 (Feeding America, 2021); and,

WHEREAS

\$3.49 will purchase just under one hour and forty-five minutes of parking in a CSU Parking & Transportation hourly short-term parking lot (Parking & Transportation Services, 2021); and,

WHEREAS

Rams Against Hunger customers should not be financially burdened nor penalized for seeking services that meet their basic needs; and,

WHEREAS

Pay-to-park and permit parking on CSU campus present a financial barrier to those using Rams Against Hunger services and defeats the purpose of its creation by requiring those facing food insecurity and seeking support to pay for access to the program; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY ENACTED

That the Fiftieth ASCSU Senate allocates \$473.08 from the ASCSU General Discretionary Fund to be encumbered until June 30, 2021 to spend on two parking spaces and appropriate signage for Rams Against Hunger; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

That copies of the legislation be sent on to anyone interested or concerned, such as:

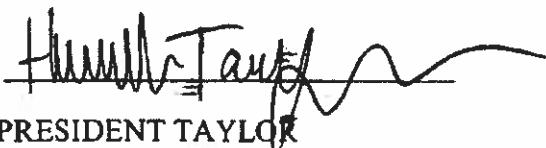
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