

BOD 2019-20 - 5R Resolution in Support of HR 4225

WHEREAS, Associated Students, Incorporated (ASI) of California State University, East Bay (CSUEB) is the recognized voice of approximately 15,000 students; and

WHEREAS, it is the mission of the ASI Board of Directors to advocate and provide responsible and effective leadership for a diverse student population in order to make sound decisions for the betterment of CSUEB students; and standing is solidarity with all CSUEB students and Alumni.

WHEREAS, CSUEB's Mission Statement states the institution "welcomes and supports a diverse student body with academically rich, culturally relevant learning experiences which prepare students to apply their education to meaningful lifework¹."

WHEREAS, Isabel Bueso, a CSUEB alumna and former ASI Director of Concord Campus (2017-2018), had moved to the United States in 2003 to be a part of a clinical trial to treat her rare condition.

WHEREAS, due to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA or USFDA) approval of the treatment, the Bueso family was able to stay in the United States legally in accordance with a medical deferred action status².

WHEREAS, the medical services that are offered in the United States are not available in Guatemala, where she had previously resided.

WHEREAS, Isabel Bueso and her family had lived in the United States legally for approximately 16 years. Residing in the United States, the family had paid their taxes, are active members in their community, and abided by all the legal requirements of their visa.

¹ California State University, East Bay. *Mission Statement*. Retrieved from: https://www.csueastbay.edu/about/mission-and-strategic-planning/index.html

² Change.org. Save Isabel. Retrieved from: https://www.change.org/p/save-isabel



WHEREAS, on August 13 of 2019, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) denied the extension of their Deferred Action Status and ordered their family to return to Guatemala within a 33 day span.

WHEREAS, ASI recognizes that the time sensitive notice prevents the family from making proper accommodations for her life-saving treatment.

WHEREAS, ASI recognizes the inhumane acts by the current federal administration and USCIS which have impacted Isabel Bueso's family and others that are going through the same situation.

WHEREAS, as stated in HR 4225³ by Congressman Mark DeSaulnier, "Maria Isabel Bueso Barrera, Alberto Bueso Mendoza, Karla Maria Barrera De Bueso, and Ana Lucia Bueso Barrera shall each be eligible for issuance of an immigrant visa or for adjustment of status to that of an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence".

RESOLVED, that the ASI Student Government, Board of Directors and Senate, stand in solidarity, regardless of citizenship status, with the CSUEB community (e.g students, alumni), such as Isabel Buesos.

RESOLVED, that the ASI Board of Directors, in collaboration with other organizations, such as Students for Quality Education (SQE), the California Faculty Association (CFA), and Dr. Danvy Le from the CSUEB Political Science department have called to action from the CSUEB community to rally and march in support of Isabel Buesos at the "Immigrant Rights Rally⁴".

RESOLVED, that the community gatherers at the time of the rally sign postcards in support of H.R. 4225 to send out to their local Representatives.

³ United States Congress. H.R.4225 - For the relief of Maria Isabel Bueso Barrera, Alberto Bueso Mendoza, Karla Maria Barrera De Bueso, and Ana Lucia Bueso Barrera. Retrieved from:

https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/4225/text?r=18&s=1

⁴ The Pioneer. Students march for immigrant rights. Retrieved from: https://thepioneeronline.com/39367/lead/students-march-for-immigrant-rights/



RESOLVED, that community members such as Hayward Councilwoman Aisha Wahab, Hayward Councilman Mark Salinas, Congressman Eric Swalwell, and other local elected officials, come to the "Immigrant Rights Rally" in support of H.R. 4225.

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be distributed to the Office of the President, Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs, Office of Government and Community Relations, Office of Diversity, the California State Student Association, Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and any other relevant parties.

Approved On: Wednesday, October 16, 2019

ASI President/CEO does hereby [\sqrt{] approves / [] refuse to approve this resolution.

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Approved by: ASI Board of Directors 2019-2020