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**A Resolution**

**To be entitled: The Faculty and Student Safety Resolution of 2019**

**Calling for the immediate removal and barring of Turning Point USA from Texas State University and suggesting protecting minority and marginalized populations from their negative campus influence.**

**WHEREAS:** The University and Student Government hope to foster a learning environment in which one can learn without fear of discrimination, intimidation, or censorship; and

**WHEREAS:** Turning Point USA is a national organization with a consistent history of creating hostile work and learning environments through a myriad of intimidation tactics aimed against students and faculty (Maximillian Alvarez, No Re-Turning Point, U.S.A.); and

**WHEREAS:** Turning Point USA frequently financially supports the election of conservative candidates into student government offices across the country through elaborate campaigning and often illegal funding of candidates which is in direct violation of Texas State Student Government’s Election Code (Turning Point USA, Campus Victory Project); and

**WHEREAS:** Former Members of Student Government have been influenced, funded by, or affiliated with Turning Point USA. (Michael Vasquez, 5 Takeaways from Turning Point’s Plan to ‘Commandeer’ Campus Elections); and

**WHEREAS:** Turning Point USA cites having had wins at Texas State University (Michael Vasquez, 5 Takeaways from Turning Point’s Plan to ‘Commandeer’ Campus Elections); and

**WHEREAS:** Texas State has a chapter of Turning Point USA that reports to the national organization and while Texas State’s TPUSA is comprised of students, the national chapter is not and therefore is not a student group and is not treated as such; and

**WHEREAS:** Members and officers of the Texas State chapter of Turning Point USA have come under fire for upholding and enforcing racism or white supremacy (AnMarcos, @An\_MarcosTX); and

**WHEREAS:** Turning Point USA uses their placement on campus to harass, intimidate, threaten student and faculty as they see fit (No Re-Turning Point, U.S.A); and

**WHEREAS:** Turning Point USA uses their placement on campus to manipulate course content and degree programs available to students based on their conservative agenda, regardless of general student enrollment, student reviews, or course content value (No Re-Turning Point, U.S.A; Professor Watchlist, Turning Point USA); and

**WHEREAS:** Turning Point USA has a “professor watchlist” where they compile information on faculty across the nation and systematically target these professors (Professor Watchlist, Turning Point USA); and

**WHEREAS:** Diversity of opinion should never come at the expense of the safety of other individuals and should never come to the defense of oppression or systems of oppression; and

**WHEREAS:** Protecting hate speech under the guise that it is a component of free speech or academic freedom is counter intuitive to providing a safe, healthy, fact-based, evidence-based environment; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:** Texas State University Student Senate hereby condemns Turning Point USA for their practice of using intimidation and harassment to control students, faculty, and staff, for their practice of promoting hate speech, and for their practice of illegally influencing and corrupting student government elections; and

**BE IT RESOLVED:** Texas State Student Government Senate hereby demands that Turning Point USA be removed from and barred from returning to campus or receiving University support; and

**BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Texas State University Administration and Texas State University System Administration carefully craft policy to protect faculty from harassment, intimidation, or wrongful termination from third-party influence as recommended by formal national coalitions and unions of faculty members themselves; and

**BE IT RESOLVED:** That Texas State University Administration and Texas State University System Administration reinstate and protect any courses that have come under fire from Turning Point USA and their affiliate organizations; and

**BE IT RESOLVED:** Upon passage this legislation be sent to student body president, the Texas State University President, and the Texas State University System Board of Regents for further action.