TO: The Texas State University Community

FROM: Corey Benbow, Student Body President

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SUBJ: Response to The Texas Tribune Article “Texas State University says it misreported campus crime numbers”

We are aware of the universities misreporting of Clery Act incidents as published in the Texas Tribune.

One of our most significant concerns as a campus is student safety. Students, parents, and employees have a right to accurately reported crime data whether by a Clery Act standard or otherwise. The reporting by the Texas Tribune alleges misreporting of incidents that fall under the Clery Act, a reporting and transparency law that tells students about crimes in and around the university. It appears the unreported incidents are mostly related to sexual violence on and around campus. If accurately reported, it is deeply disappointing.

As Student Body President, I am committed to holding the administration accountable. I believe transparency in these reports is paramount. I will ask the Senate to introduce legislation calling upon the University administration to produce all crime data in a form that is easily accessible to the public regardless of Clery Act requirements.

Student, faculty, and staff are also encouraged to join the Student Government Safety and Campus Climate task force. The task force is designed to address issues related to the safety of the Texas State community and improving the overall campus climate.

Student Body President, Corey Benbow