# Senate

of the

## Student Government Association

of

## The Johns Hopkins University

*{ S. Resolution 18-19, 01 }*

**A Resolution Calling for The End of the Partnership Between Johns Hopkins University and The Office of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)**

Introduced By: President **Sam Schatmeyer** and considered this **11** day of **September** in the Year **2018**

Sponsored By: Executive Vice President **AJ Tsang** of the **Executive Board**
Senator **Sam Mollin** of the **Sophomore Class**

Referred to the senate by the **COMMITTEE ON CIVIC ENGAGEMENT** which recommends its **PASSAGE** by a vote of **4** to **0**.

**Whereas** the Johns Hopkins University Student Government Association speaks on behalf of all 5,500 undergraduates of the Krieger School of Arts and Sciences and the Whiting School of Engineering; and

**Whereas** Johns Hopkins University has been in partnership with ICE since 2009, working to improve training and educational programs that "support the ICE mission" through both the JHU-ICE Fellows Program and the JHU-ICE MS in Management Cohort Program; and

**Whereas** Johns Hopkins University School of Education houses these programs, which is managed directly Dean Christopher Morphew and then President Daniels; and

**Whereas** ICE is the government agency primarily responsible for the cruel and unusual separation and detainment of over 2,342 children away from their parents, with more than 500 of those children still not reunified with their parents as of the drafting of this resolution; and

**Whereas** leaked audio and video obtained from the New York Times, Slate, the ACLU, and others, all verified by former ICE officials, describe the conditions in ICE facilities holding separated children as follows:

- Sexual abuse of minors by ICE officers;
- A denial of medical attention for the pregnant and disabled;
- Detention of minors beyond the federally mandated 72 hour holding window;
- Graphic physical abuse of minors by ICE officers;
- Verbally abusing the young detainees using racial slurs and derogatory name calling; and

**Whereas** ICE has conducted and will likely continue to conduct, without legislative or executive policy change, mass and indiscriminate raids on peaceful, undocumented immigrants, their families, and their communities using violence and other intimidation tactics that could potentially violate the right against unwarranted search and seizure to persons protected by the fourth amendment to the US constitution; and

**Whereas** the United Nations high commissioner for human rights, Zeid Ra'ad al-Hussein, has deemed the above practices and procedures of ICE illegal under international law, condemning the actions as "a serious violation of the rights of the child" and "government sanctioned child abuse"; and

**Whereas** a Johns Hopkins undergraduate student, graduate student, alumni, administrator, staff member, and community member coalition has circulated a petition that has garnered 1,092 signatures condemning the relationship and requesting President Daniels immediately terminate the University's contract with ICE; and

**Whereas** 47% of Americans view ICE unfavorably, according to a Pew Research Center Poll released in July 2018, and 28% of Americans have a "very unfavorable" view of the office, which has led to over 100 elected officials nationwide calling for its outright abolition; and

**Whereas** over 100 elected officials nationwide have called for the outright abolition of ICE; and

**Whereas** the Baltimore City Council adopted a resolution on July 9th, 2018 condemning the organization's separation of families under the Trump administration's zero tolerance policy and calling for the reconstituting and repurposing of ICE; and

**Whereas** several peer universities, including Northeastern University, the University of Alabama at Birmingham, and the Vermont State Colleges, have all been faced with considerable student and community and media pressure, including a peaceful protest of over 100 people at Northeastern University, to sever their ties with ICE; and

**Whereas** the Johns Hopkins University has demonstrated a willingness to end its economic relationships with certain industries, including the tobacco industry in 1993 and major coal producers in 2017, for moral reasons and "broad social concerns" outside the profit motive; and

**Whereas** the SGA recognizes there may be beneficial instances wherein the Johns Hopkins University and the federal government can collaborate, though such collaborations must be examined on a case-by-case basis; moreover each case of partnership must align with the values of the University and its community, including, but not limited to, their shared commitment to human rights and basic decency; and

**Whereas** the Johns Hopkins University previously affirmed the rights and dignities of undocumented students and community members in a statement released by President Daniels and Provost Kumar in December 2016,

**Whereas** the University is currently at risk of harm by the current administration's draconian policy shift on immigration, stating specifically that "dismantling DACA would affect our country's vitality in significant ways"; and

**Whereas** the preceding evidence, from the irrefutable facts of abuse to the tide of public opinion around the world, across the nation, within our community, and upon our campuses, indicate a clear and pressing need the Johns Hopkins University to swiftly and completely cut its ties with ICE; and

**Therefore, Be It Resolved** that the Johns Hopkins Student Government Association encourages the Johns Hopkins School of Education Dean Christopher Morphew and President Daniels to:

A. Immediately cut all ties to the office of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, including all efforts that serve that serve the mission of ICE and both the JHU-ICE Fellows Program and the JHU-ICE MS in Management Cohort Program; and

B. Condemn the cruel and unjust behavior of ICE agents that have acted counter to the values and principles of the University; and
C. Reaffirm its commitment to protecting the rights of undocumented people in our community.

**Be It Further Resolved** that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the JHU Board of Trustees, Dean Christopher Morphew, University President Ron Daniels, and University Provost Sunil Kumar.

THE RESOLUTION HEREBY **PASSES/FAILS** BY A VOTE OF **12** TO **0** WITH **3** ABSTENTIONS.

UPON ADOPTION, WE HAVE HEREUNTO SET OUR HANDS AND CAUSED THE SEAL OF THE SENATE TO BE AFFIXED TO THIS RESOLUTION INDICATING THE SENATE'S ASSENT AND THUS OFFICIALLY DESIGNATING THE RESOLUTION'S ADOPTION AS THE POSITION AND IS WILL OF THE SENATE AND THE STUDENT BODY OF THE JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY..

Signatures of Enactment:

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President of the Senate
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