To: The University Senate
Subject: Purdue University Senate Expresses Public Opposition and Concern regarding Senate Enrolled Act 101, the Religious Freedom Restoration Act
Disposition: University Senate for Approval

WHEREAS: “Purdue University is committed to maintaining a community which recognizes and values the inherent worth and dignity of every person; fosters tolerance, sensitivity, understanding, and mutual respect among its members; and encourages each individual to strive to reach his or her own potential. In pursuit of its goal of academic excellence, the University seeks to develop and nurture diversity. The University believes that diversity among its many members strengthens the institution, stimulates creativity, promotes the exchange of ideas, and enriches campus life,”*

WHEREAS: “Purdue University prohibits discrimination against any member of the University community on the basis of race, religion, color, sex, age, national origin or ancestry, genetic information, marital status, parental status, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, disability, or status as a veteran,“ *

WHEREAS: State Enrolled Act 101, the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, is contrary to the policies and values of Purdue University;

WHEREAS: We believe State Enrolled Act 101, the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, will harm our ability to recruit and retain students, staff and faculty.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:
The Purdue University Senate reaffirms its commitment to the University’s nondiscrimination policy and opposes State Enrolled Act 101, The Religious Freedom Restoration Act, and strongly urges Governor Pence and state legislators to repeal the act as soon as possible.
Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Prokopy and co-sponsors

Note that this resolution is endorsed by the Equity and Diversity Committee.

*Purdue University Nondiscrimination Policy Statement