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In Opposition to S.B. 576, Relating to a reporting requirement for certain incidents of sexual harassment, sexual assault, dating violence, or stalking at certain public and private institutions of higher education; creating a criminal offense; authorizing administrative penalties

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WHEREAS, Student Government serves as the official voice of students at the University of Texas at Austin; and,

WHEREAS, Sen. Joan Huffman filed Senate Bill 576, "relating to a reporting requirement for certain incidents of sexual harassment, sexual assault, dating violence, or stalking at certain public and private institutions of higher education; creating a criminal offense; authorizing administrative penalties"; and,

WHEREAS, SB 576 would require all student leaders to report all instances of sexual assault, dating violence, sexual harassment, or stalking they are told about or witness while serving in their official capacity as a student leader; and,

WHEREAS, Individuals affected by the aforementioned crimes should have a right to control their own options for recovery; and,

WHEREAS, SB 576 would limit survivor access to confidential peer advocacy, thereby placing an undue burden on the survivor and the student leader; and therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, The University of Texas at Austin Student Government opposes passage of Senate Bill 576; and therefore,