**CLEVELAND STATE** 



Title: A Resolution Supporting Student Radio

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WHEREAS, Cleveland State University has in recent history shut down the student-operated WCSB radio station, an on-campus and Cleveland-Area fixture for nearly 50 years; and

WHEREAS, the Cleveland State University Commitment Statement reads, in part, that the University: "... is committed to create a community dedicated to an ethic of civil and free inquiry, which respects the autonomy of each member, supports individual capacities for growth, and tolerates the differences in opinion that naturally occur in a public higher education community;"

WHEREAS, the Students of WCSB were publicly advocating for further transparency and the distribution of funding to student organizations at the time of this decision's announcement, potentially in direct confrontation with the University Administrators who approved this change;

WHEREAS, The Administration of Cleveland State University announced and implemented the change on National College Radio Day, terminating key card access with less than 24 hours notice to the student members of the organization, after which they were escorted from their former studio by CSU Campus Police; and

WHEREAS, the combined aforementioned factors could possibly be taken to indicate that such actions were punitive in nature, and counter to Cleveland State University's Commitment Statement.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Student Government of Cleveland State University hereby:

- 1. Firmly advocates for the restoration of Student-Operated Educational Radio at Cleveland State University; and
- 2. Calls on Cleveland State University to solicit and consider input from students and the public before making decisions with a measurable impact on the Student Body and the Greater Cleveland Area.
- 3. Calls on Cleveland State University to provide adequate notice of such decisions before these decisions are finalized, allowing time for such a dialogue to take place.
- 4. Calls on Cleveland State University to provide students adequate notice of pending access control changes, so as to allow for adequate preparation and to minimize risk to persons and property.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution shall be distributed to all SGA members, made available online, and made available to the student body upon request.

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