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## PURDUE GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE



### Bill No. SP23 – B006

## Emergency Bill to Provision Financial Support in Response to the Earthquake Affecting the Turkey-Syria Region

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**WHEREAS,** On February 6, 2023, an earthquake of magnitude 7.8 struck Turkey near the Syrian border and was followed by significant seismic activity in the region;<sup>1</sup> and

**WHEREAS,** The aforementioned earthquake has resulted in a substantial loss of life and economic burden to both the Turkish and Syrian people with an estimated death toll exceeding 33,000 and injuries exceeding 90,000 as of February 12, 2023;<sup>2</sup> and

**WHEREAS,** Loss of life is expected to rise in the region as damage to Turkish and Syrian infrastructure hinder relief efforts in the near future;<sup>3</sup> and

**WHEREAS,** The United States has and "... is continuing to mobilize assistance through U.S.-funded humanitarian partners" to Turkey and Syria;<sup>4</sup> and

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<sup>1</sup> <https://earthquake.usgs.gov/earthquakes/eventpage/us6000jllz/executive>

<sup>2</sup> <https://earthquake.usgs.gov/earthquakes/eventpage/us6000jllz/impact>

<sup>3</sup> <https://apnews.com/article/earthquakes-2023-turkey-syria-earthquake-government-8694408019fb13a8131cb146c347ec88>

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.state.gov/briefings/departments-press-briefing-february-13-2023/#post-420008-TURKIYE>

**WHEREAS** Over 100 students at Purdue University hold Turkish citizenship and an even broader impact is expected on additional members of the Purdue community with ties to both Turkey and Syria;<sup>5</sup> and,

**WHEREAS,** The Purdue Turkish Student Association has developed and supported efforts to provide humanitarian aid to Turkey and Syria;<sup>6</sup> and

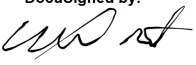
**WHEREAS,** The Purdue Graduate Student Senate and Purdue Graduate Student Government advocate for the interests of Purdue University's graduate student body, some of which may be impacted by the earthquake:


**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED,** That the Purdue Graduate Student Government allocate \$100 to be donated to the American Red Cross in support of relief efforts following the earthquake.

**BE IT FURTHER ENACTED** That the Purdue Graduate Student Government donate \$500 to the Turkish Student Association to support their efforts to provide humanitarian aid to Turkey following the earthquake.

**BE IT FURTHER ENACTED** That the Purdue Graduate Student Government send out a letter of support to graduate students.

**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ENACTED** 15<sup>th</sup> day of February 2023.

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President, PGSG

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<sup>5</sup> [https://purdue.edu/IPPU/ISS/\\_documents/EnrollmentReport/iss\\_statisticalreportfall22.pdf](https://purdue.edu/IPPU/ISS/_documents/EnrollmentReport/iss_statisticalreportfall22.pdf)

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.purdue.edu/newsroom/purduetoday/releases/2023/Q1/turkish-student-group-launches-humanitarian-effort-for-those-devastated-by-quake-as-death-toll-surpasses-20,000-in-turkey,-syria.html>

## Certification

I, Mary Brown, Senate Clerk of the Purdue Graduate Student Senate, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was passed as emergency legislation and adopted by the Purdue Graduate Student Senate of Purdue University, at a regular meeting thereof held on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of February 2023 by the following vote:

**AYES (43):** Agricultural and Biological Engineering - Mike Sserunjogi  
Agricultural Economics - Haseeb Daudzai  
Agricultural Sciences Education and Communication - Bryanna Nelson  
Animal Sciences - Sarah Innis  
Anthropology - Olivia Palepoi  
Aviation and Transportation Technology - Shantanu Gupta  
Basic Medical Sciences - Siyuan Sun  
Biochemistry - Steven McKenzie  
Biological Sciences - Morgan Chaney  
Biomedical Engineering - Michael Zimmerman  
Botany and Plant Pathology - Ricky Critchfield  
Chemical Engineering - Annie Sun  
Chemistry - Solita Wilson  
Civil Engineering - Agustin Quinones  
Communication - Savannah Meier  
Comparative Literature - Marisa J Bryans  
Computer Science - Jacob White  
Earth, Atmospheric, and Planetary Sciences - Austin Blevins  
Ecological Sciences and Engineering (ESE) - Neha Shakelly  
Economics - Talha Cakir  
Electrical and Computer Engineering - Somosmita Mitra  
Engineering Education - Barbara Fagundes  
Engineering Technology - Archana Dharanipragada  
Environmental and Ecological Engineering - Aliya Edhe  
Food Science - Anaël Kimble  
Forestry and Natural Resources - Ken Yao Chong  
Health Sciences - Sydney Stradtman  
History - Secret Permenter  
Horticulture and Landscape Architecture - Camila Ulloa Gomez  
Hospitality and Tourism Management - Rachel Zhang  
Industrial Engineering - Utkuhan Genc  
Interdisciplinary Biomedical Sciences (IBSC) - James Kirby  
Languages and Cultures - Santiago Parra Giraldo  
Materials Engineering - Daniel Sinclair  
Nuclear Engineering - Stepan Ozerov  
Nutrition Science - Qianyue Wang  
Philosophy - Mary Brown

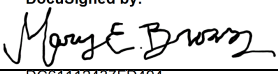
Physics and Astronomy - Shayamal Singh  
Political Science - Matthew Ellis  
Public Health - Sidney Smith  
Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences - Brooke Rodgers  
Statistics - Sagar Ksheera (Acting Senator)  
Technology, Leadership, and Innovation - Elizabeth Thompson

**NAYS (0):**

**ABSENT (9):** Curriculum and Instruction - Theodora Amuah  
Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) - Alaunie Smiley  
Educational Studies - Stephanie Contreras  
Global Supply Chain Management - Rohan Saini  
Human Development and Family Studies - Amy Loviska  
Industrial and Physical Pharmacy - Pradnya Prakash Bapat  
Purdue University Interdisciplinary Life Sciences (PULSe) - Lauren Wilbanks  
Sociology - Reilly Kincaid  
Veterinary Clinical Sciences - Ojo Oluwabunmi T.

**ABSTAINED (4):** Agronomy - Binod Gyawali  
English - Alex Anderson  
Management - Arindam Roy Chowdhury  
Mechanical Engineering - Meghavin Bhatasana

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 20<sup>th</sup> day of March  
2023.

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Senate Clerk, PGSS