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A Resolution in Support of the *Diamondback*'s Signing Onto an Amicus Brief

Summary: This resolution expresses support from the Graduate Student Government to the *Diamondback* newspaper, signing onto the amicus brief filed by the Student Press Law Center in support of *The Stanford Daily*.

WHEREAS, free speech is a principle for democratic society; and,

WHEREAS, reports from student newspapers around the United States are stating there is an increased fear of talking to the media from international students over visa concerns¹; and,

WHEREAS, *The Stanford Daily* and the Foundation for Individual Rights and Expression (FIRE) have filed a lawsuit against Secretary of State Marco Rubio and Secretary of Homeland Security Kristi Noem over two laws that allow visas to be revoked over forms of speech²; and,

WHEREAS, the University of Maryland student paper, the *Diamondback*, signed an amicus brief filed by the Student Press Law Center in support of *The Stanford Daily*³; and,

WHEREAS, the Graduate Student Government values student journalism and the role that it plays in student advocacy; and,

WHEREAS, the Graduate Student Government has always had voices of international students advocating for themselves and others, valuing the role their voices play in our community and want them to continue using their voices.

¹ Hernandez, Angie Orellana. (May 17, 2025) "College newspapers under pressure as immigration fears silence sources". *Washington Post*.
<https://www.washingtonpost.com/education/2025/05/17/college-newspapers-trump-international-students/>

² FIRE (August 6, 2025) "LAWSUIT: FIRE challenges unconstitutional provisions Rubio uses in crusade to deport legal immigrants over protected speech".
<https://www.thefire.org/news/lawsuit-fire-challenges-unconstitutional-provisions-rubio-uses-crusade-deport-legal-immigrants>

³ Alspach, Lizzy (October 19, 2025) "Note from the newsroom: The Diamondback pledges support for protected student speech" *Diamondback*.
<https://dbknews.com/2025/10/20/newsroom-diamondback-support-protected-student-speech/>

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Graduate Student Government gives our support to the Diamondback's signatory status.

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