

SA Senate Support for Crackdown on Cruising
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Whereas warm weather in late spring brings many citizens outside and along the lakefront to enjoy the weather, and

Whereas steady traffic flow is essential to maximize citizen access to and enjoyment of the lakefront and other outdoor venues, and

Whereas some motorists habitually drive slowly on roads for the primary reason of showing off their automobile to pedestrians and to other motorists, and

Whereas this practice, known as “cruising,” occurs most frequently in warm weather and congests traffic to a crawl, particularly on Lake Drive, and

Whereas numerous traffic stops related to cruising have resulted in the arrest and conviction of more serious offenses such as drug possession and bail jumping, and

Whereas there are other avenues through which citizens may constructively express their cultural identity, and

Whereas the Milwaukee Police Department has recently increased its police patrols of roads with high concentrations of cruisers to increase traffic law enforcement as well as increase awareness of the crackdown via a media campaign, and

Whereas such assistance from law enforcement helps keep the students and their visitors safe and on time, particularly near the UWM campus and the lakefront, and

Whereas the SA President has been reluctant to sign measures that protect law-abiding citizens at the expense of suspicious individuals, and

Whereas the SA Senate can pass bills expressing its own opinions in accordance with its autonomy as the legislative branch, separate from the executive branch, therefore

Be it resolved that the Student Association at UW-Milwaukee officially express its support and gratitude for the Milwaukee Police Department’s crackdown on cruising around the UWM campus and the lakefront, and

Be it further resolved that the Student Association encourage further strict regulation of cruising near the UWM campus and the lakefront, and

Be it finally resolved that the Speaker of the Senate send a copy of this bill and a brief explanation thereof to Milwaukee Police Department Chief Nan Hegerty, MPD Spokesperson Anne Schwartz, and Mayor Tom Barrett.

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Date