**Associated Student Government**

*University of Arkansas*

*ASG Senate Bill No. 6*

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**The Campaign Contribution Reform Act of 2019**

Whereas, The Campus Victory Project division of the nonprofit political interest group Turning Point USA exists solely to elect partisan candidates to collegiate leadership positions for the purpose of allocating student fees in a manner favorable to Turning Point’s distinctly partisan political agenda; and

Whereas, The Campus Victory Project has reportedly interfered with the financing of at least 52 campus elections nationwide[[1]](#footnote-1); and

Whereas, According to the University Star newspaper at Texas State University, the Campus Victory Project has interfered with the financing of previous University of Arkansas Associated Student Government executive elections[[2]](#footnote-2); and

Whereas, The University of Michigan election by-laws state that “Students eligible to vote in CSG elections are eligible to donate to registered or anticipated candidates running in those elections. All other individuals and organizations are forbidden from donating to campaigns.”[[3]](#footnote-3); and

Whereas, The University of Maryland’s Student Government Association code prohibits “accepting donations from a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.”[[4]](#footnote-4); and

Whereas, The vision of Associated Student Government is “to represent the common interests and voices all students”, and the election of candidates influenced by outside partisan groups is in direct opposition to this ideal; then

Be it therefore resolved: That Title VII, Section 7.G of the ASG Code be added to say: “No candidate for any Associated Student Government executive or senate campaign may accept and/or solicit a monetary donation from a nonprofit political organization not registered with the University of Arkansas;”; and

Be it finally resolved: That Title VII, Section 7.F c be added to say: “Nonprofit political organizations are defined as any nonprofit group actively seeking to promote any political agenda through university policy.”

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Amendments:

Vote Count: Aye 41 Nay 4 Abstentions

Legislation Status: Passed yes Failed­ Other

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Colman Betler, ASG Chair of the Senate Date

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JP Gairhan, ASG President Date

1. Turning Point USA Campus Victory Project https://assets.documentcloud.org/documents/4433312/Turning-Point.pdf [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Allegations against President Boreing reveal Student Government trend of TPUSA affiliations [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Within Title VI. Article E. Section 5. University of Michigan Central Student Government Compiled Code [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. Unity Party violates SGA election rules by not disclosing support from conservative nonprofit http://www.dbknews.com/2017/04/13/turning-point-unity-party-sga-umd/ [↑](#footnote-ref-4)