



To: Florida State University Student Senate

From: Jack Hitchcock, Student Body President

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Date: November 16th, 2023

**Subject: Veto of Senate Bill 100**

By the authority vested in me as Student Body President of the Florida State University, under the provisions of Article III, Section 3, of the Constitution of the Student Body, I do hereby veto and transmit my objections to Senate Bill 100, passed during the 75th Session of the Student Senate of the Florida State University Student Government Association.

This bill would make changes to the Student Body Election Code to allow candidates for student body offices to submit a statement regarding their candidacy to be published on the SGA website. I do not agree with this bill for multiple reasons. First, a statement from a candidate regarding their reasons for running for election, which is a means by which candidates can advocate for themselves, would be a campaigning tactic, and SGA should not publish statements that are used to advocate for candidates. Secondly, I do not consider it appropriate to allow the Supervisor of Election to approve and deny the statements without specifying and codifying the criteria on which the approval or denial would be made. As it stands now, this system could lead to violations of the First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States. Lastly, given the idea that FSU SGA is based on real-world forms of government, it is important to note that any ".gov" websites of any politician or Supervisor do not allow the publishing of campaign materials.

For these reasons, I withhold my approval of Senate Bill 100 and do hereby veto the Bill.

In Unconquered Pride,

Jack Hitchcock  
Student Body President