

**ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF  
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FIFTY-SEVENTH SESSION**



**BILL NO. 57-06**

**INTRODUCED BY: BSA**

**SECONDED BY: CRU**

**A BILL TO: Advocate for Michigan State University to reform the MSU Police Department**

**THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY ENACT:**

**WHEREAS**, The MSU Police Department is tasked with protecting Michigan State students, faculty, and staff; however, they have repeatedly harmed and profiled Black students, and;

**WHEREAS**, MSU's Discrimination policy, Article III prohibits the harassment of "any university community member(s) on the basis of age, color, gender, gender identity, disability status, height, marital status, national origin, political persuasion, race, religion, sexual orientation, veteran status, or weight."; and,<sup>1</sup>

**WHEREAS**, Black individuals account for 20% of the people getting stopped by the East Lansing Police Department while only representing 8% of the population, and;<sup>2</sup>

**WHEREAS**, Black and other residents of color, due to their experiences, do not feel comfortable talking to the Police about their mental health and, in some cases, are in danger when the Police are called, and;<sup>3</sup>

**WHEREAS**, The MSU Police Department was involved in suppressing Michigan State students' First Amendment rights through using coercive tactics and throwing OC(pepper spray), a chemical compound, at students during the Lansing protest against police brutality on May 31st, 2020, and;

**WHEREAS**, REHS policy requires Resident Assistants to call the Police Department when a resident confides in them about their mental health. In some cases, involving the Police Department does the opposite of aiding a student's mental health, as many

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<sup>1</sup> [https://www.hr.msu.edu/policies-procedures/university-wide/ADP\\_policy.html](https://www.hr.msu.edu/policies-procedures/university-wide/ADP_policy.html)

<sup>2</sup> [https://www.hr.msu.edu/policies-procedures/university-wide/ADP\\_policy.html](https://www.hr.msu.edu/policies-procedures/university-wide/ADP_policy.html)

<sup>3</sup> [https://www.treatmentadvocacycenter.org/storage/documents/bp\\_law\\_enforcement.pdf](https://www.treatmentadvocacycenter.org/storage/documents/bp_law_enforcement.pdf)

students do not feel comfortable talking to police officer about their mental health and feel in danger around police officers, and;

**WHEREAS**, Michigan State University gave the MSU Police Department \$7,081,282 in the 2019-2020 year, an increase of \$202,276 from the 2018-2019 year. Approximately \$5 million dollars is utilized for for wages and \$1 million dollars for supplies and services according to Chief Kelly Roudebash, and;

**WHEREAS**, The MSU Police Department, the Lansing Police Department, and the East Lansing Police Department have a mutual aid package, allowing for shared resources during events deemed as crises, and;

**WHEREAS**, There has been an investigation on Assistant Chief Valerie O'Brien and her spouse, Detective JJ Bradac, on unknown charges for the past year which has placed them on administrative leave while still receiving a salary of over \$200,000, and;<sup>4</sup>

**WHEREAS**, The MSU Police Department has 80 police officers employed, whereas the East Lansing Police Department has 54, despite Michigan State University being a significant percentage of the area and population of the entire city of East Lansing, and;<sup>5</sup>

**WHEREAS**, Out of the approximately 50,000 MSU students, about 20,000 students live on campus while 30,000 live under ELPD jurisdiction, and;<sup>6</sup>

**WHEREAS**, The MSU Police Department, in its current capacity, has shown to act against its purpose in serving and protecting the Michigan State community as well as violating MSU's Discrimination policy, Article III throughout its various actions against minority and marginalized communities, particularly against Black individuals, and so it be;

**RESOLVED**, The Associated Students of Michigan State University shall advocate for MSU to review the MSU Police Department's budget to remove all unnecessary and excessive funding and personnel, and include salary reduction where needed. The funding should be redirected towards more diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts and community resources such as the Multicultural Building, OIE, and CAPS, and so it be;

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<sup>4</sup> <https://www.lansingstatejournal.com/story/news/local/2020/06/03/michigan-state-msu-police-obrien-bradac-leave-title-ix/5197599002/>

<sup>5</sup> <https://eastlansinginfo.news/ask-eli-whats-the-jurisdiction-of-msu-police/>

<sup>6</sup> <https://eastlansinginfo.news/ask-eli-whats-the-jurisdiction-of-msu-police/>

**RESOLVED**, The Associated Students of Michigan State University shall advocate for the MSU Police Department to release information on the amount of traffic stops and the racial/ethnic and gender identities of the people stopped yearly, and so it be;

**RESOLVED**, The Associated Students of Michigan State University shall advocate for Residence Education and Housing Services to implement a new training for mental health concerns that does not require the involvement of MSU Police Department, and so it be;

**RESOLVED**, The Associated Students of Michigan State University shall advocate for the MSU Police Department to end their use of chemical compounds as a means of suppression or force, and so it be;

**RESOLVED**, The Associated Students of Michigan State University shall advocate for the MSU Police Department to be transparent about the investigations happening against their Officers like Assistant Chief Valerie O'Brien and Detective JJ Bradac.

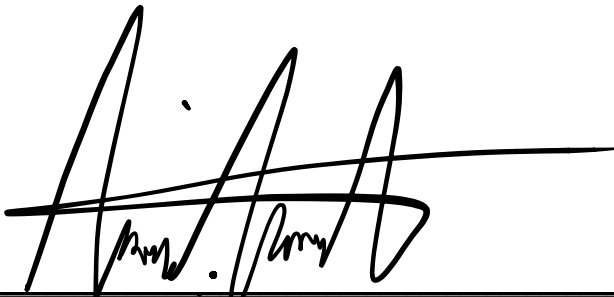
INTRODUCED ON June 16th 2020

REFERRED TO N/A COMMITTEE ON \_\_\_\_\_

SPECIAL ACTION TAKEN Read on the Floor DATE June 18th 2020

COMMITTEE ACTION \_\_\_\_\_  
PASSED FAILED VOTE DATE

FINAL ACTION TAKEN X Voice Majority June 18th 2020  
PASSED FAILED VOTE DATE



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