Be it decided by the Assembly of Elected Delegates,

Funding of Lyft Rides to Grocery Stores and Medical Facilities
Rides to grocery stores and medical facilities during the COVID-19 crisis to support graduate and professional students with limited access to transportation
(Decided: [ Y / N / A ])

Nature of the Situation:

During the COVID-19 crisis, the CATABUS public transportation service has been decreased to only five routes in the community. It also no longer operates on weekends and only operates from 6am-8pm. Buses also pose a health risk to individuals who are in close quarters to other bus passengers. Many graduate and professional students also do not have cars and with the potential for loss of employment and additional unforeseen expenses related to COVID-19, their finances relating to essential needs may be limited. Therefore, GPSA proposes funding of Lyft rides in the State College and Bellefonte/Lemont community to medical facilities and grocery stores.

Recommended Course of Action:

The Graduate and Professional Student Association authorizes the Executive Board to purchase Lyft rides through an event code to be marketed to graduate and professional students that remain in the State College area. The event will be marketed through our social media and newsletter. Lyft requires location restrictions for event codes. Specifically, they ask for up to five locations for drop off or pick up and passengers can be picked up within half of a mile around that location.
Therefore, we plan to list UHS, the Mount Nittany Medical Center, Giant (S Atherton), Wegmans (N Atherton), and Walmart (373 Benner Pike) as the five locations. These locations may be changed or expanded, upon approval from Lyft’s customer service team. These locations are depicted in the map below. 

Lyft’s policy is that each event can only last one week. We hope to coordinate with Lyft to create a multi-week event but in order to serve immediate needs, we will plan to purchase new event codes one week at a time for the time being. Any unused budget would be returned to GPSA 48 hours after the event closes.

This event will continue until all funds are used or until May 31, 2020. If we must proceed week-to-week, we will start with $1,000 each week until we no longer have $1,000 remaining for this event, in which case we will just apply the remaining balance to the next week. If we can create one event for all of March and April, we will not be able to have weekly controls on the amount spent. If all funds are used quickly, the assembly may consider passing future legislation providing more funds to this initiative.

**Budget:**

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25 \text{ per code} \times 120 \text{ codes} = 3,000
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**Total requested: $3,000**

Respectfully submitted,

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President ___________________________________________________ Affirm Veto

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