

Bill # 71-15

**The Graduate and Professional Student Association
(GPSA)
The Pennsylvania State University**



of the 71st Assembly
October 28th, 2021

Be it decided by the Assembly of Elected Delegates,

Funding for Love is Louder Event
Funding for T-shirts
(Decided: [Y / N / A])

Nature of the Situation:

The Jeffrey A. Conrad Center for Sexual and Gender Diversity, in collaboration with the Paul Robeson Cultural Center, the Center for Spiritual and Ethical Development, the Counseling and Psychological Services, and many other campus offices and organizations, is hosting an event titled 'Love is Louder' on November 3rd, 2021, from 6PM to 10PM at the HUB Heritage Hall.¹ This event is in response to the student group Uncensored America hosting the controversial speaker Milo Yiannopoulos on the same evening. Yiannopoulos has a history of making racist, transphobic, xenophobic, sexist, and homophobic remarks.^{2,3} The 'Love is Louder' event is aimed at countering Yiannopoulos's hateful rhetoric, and will have music, food, and activities to "inspire love and community within the Penn State student body".¹

Recommended Course of Action:

By approving this bill, the Graduate and Professional Student Association (GPSA), agrees to financially support the 'Love is Louder' event, in the form of providing funding for t-shirts.

¹ https://www.instagram.com/p/CVgPQ4FJIQK/?utm_source=ig_embed&ig_rid=8e5af704-ce3d-4e33-b499-e8fa59fdd4b9

² <https://www.adl.org/resources/backgrounders/milo-yiannopoulos-five-things-to-know>

³ <https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/yiannopoulos-quits-breitbart-apologizes-uproar-over-year-old-comments-n723861>

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T-shirts: \$500

Total amount requested: \$500

Respectfully submitted,

6 **Sandeep Krishnakumar**
7 Speaker of the Assembly
8 Delegate, College of Engineering

President _____

Affirm

Veto

The Graduate and Professional Student Association