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In Support of SAFE Act
Graduate Student Council Bill

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Action Requested: APPROVAL by 2/3

WHEREAS the USA PATRIOT Act, passed by the United States Congress in October 2001, contains several provisions which threaten civil liberties of citizens and residents of the United States,

WHEREAS the USA PATRIOT Act presents several areas of concern for Stanford University by threatening the privacy of campus records, by authorizing FBI employment of campus police in unwarranted search and surveillance of students, and by implementing blanket restrictions on international students,

WHEREAS the SAFE Act, a bill introduced into the United States House of Representatives (HR 3352) and Senate (S 1709), will resolve these concerns by amending the USA PATRIOT Act to limit the ability of law enforcement to conduct so-called “sneak and peek” searches, to prevent unreasonable access to personal records, and to restrict unjustified surveillance,

WHEREAS there has been concern over these issues among students at Stanford University shown in part by the Stanford Daily editorial of November 14th, 2002,

WHEREAS the County of Santa Clara (August 19th, 2003) and the City of Palo Alto (June 9th, 2003) have passed resolutions expressing concern about the unjustified powers granted in the USA PATRIOT Act,

WHEREAS the Faculty Senate of the Academic Council (January 9th, 2003) passed a resolution expressing concern over the USA PATRIOT Act, stating that it “may harm the fundamental educational and research missions of colleges and universities,”

THEREFORE IT BE ENACTED BY THE GRADUATE STUDENT COUNCIL:

THAT the Graduate Student Council recognizes the dangers of the PATRIOT Act to Stanford University as detailed by the Faculty Senate’s resolution,
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**THAT** the Graduate Student Council supports the passage of the SAFE Act in Congress as a remedy to these concerns,

**THAT** the Graduate Student Council encourages Stanford University to publicly voice its support for the passage of the SAFE Act.