Resolution on Universities and Anti-Terrorism Legislation
Graduate Student Council Bill

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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 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 USA PATRIOT Act directly pertains to student, faculty, and staff life on campus by impacting policies in the following areas: (1) privacy of records, (2) campus policing, (3) surveillance, (4) academic freedom, (5) immigrants' rights, and (6) international travel,

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,”

WHEREAS the Associated Students of Stanford University Undergraduate Senate (January 27th, 2004) passed a resolution recognizing the dangers posed by the USA PATRIOT Act to Stanford University,

THEREFORE IT BE ENACTED BY THE GRADUATE STUDENT COUNCIL:

THAT the Graduate Student Council echoes concerns raised by Stanford University's Faculty Senate in response to the USA PATRIOT Act, in particular, those aspects of the USA PATRIOT
Act that may harm the fundamental educational and research missions of colleges and universities,

**THAT** the Graduate Student Council calls on the administration of the University and legislative leaders of the government of the United States to work together to ensure that governmental actions against terrorism do not encroach upon the educational and research standards of higher education in this country,

**THAT** the Graduate Student Council will send a copy of this resolution to Senator Barbara Boxer, Senator Dianne Feinstein, Congresswoman Anna Eshoo, and Stanford University President John Hennessy, in order to communicate our concern that state anti-terrorism laws and policies do not impinge on educational or research enterprises on this or any university or college campus.