WHEREAS, Undergraduate Student Government is the recognized governing and representative body of the undergraduate students at Southern Illinois University Carbondale;

WHEREAS, the undergraduate students of SIUC have continuously expressed their support of a fully Affordable Care Act (ACA) compliant healthcare plan;

WHEREAS, the undergraduate students seek an improved healthcare plan offering expanded benefits that are required by the ACA;

WHEREAS, in academic year 2013-2014, USG voted heavily in favor of an increase to the Student Healthcare Fee in hopes of bringing the healthcare plan in compliance with the ACA, and obtaining a better plan;

WHEREAS, the 2014-2015 academic year is the last year that SIUC will be able to offer its self-funded student insurance plan because it is not in compliance with the ACA;

WHEREAS, other public Illinois universities—including the Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Illinois State University, Northern Illinois University and Western Illinois University—already provide ACA compliant health insurance plans for their students;

WHEREAS, on September 9th, 2014, USG unanimously passed a resolution in support of a new ACA compliant student health insurance plan;

WHEREAS, the undergraduate students are willing to pay more for an improved and fully ACA compliant plan, and acknowledge their option to opt-out of the plan if they have an appropriate substitute;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the undergraduate students call upon University Administration and the Board of Trustees to approve the recommendation of the Student Health Insurance Taskforce and implement an ACA compliant student health insurance plan for the 2015-2016 academic year.

Adopted by the Legislation of the Undergraduate Student Government of Southern Illinois University Carbondale on the 3rd day of February, 2015.
Under the signature of the President, Undergraduate Student Government affirms this resolution as the collective majority opinion of the undergraduate students of Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

President Cameron Shulak
Undergraduate Student Body President