

SGA Resolution 3-16-F:

A Resolution to Formally Oppose Safe Spaces at Middle Tennessee State University

Whereas: The First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America reads:

“Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press, or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.”

Whereas: College is to be a time in one’s life where ideals can be freely and openly expressed and challenged, and individuals benefit from an exchange of diverse ideas.

Whereas: Middle Tennessee State University is an institution of higher learning that promotes the free and open exchange of all ideas.

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED BY THE 79th CONGRESS OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY THAT:

Section 1: With the passage of this resolution, Middle Tennessee State University’s Student Government Association formally opposes the creation of intellectual and ideological safe spaces where students and faculty could go to avoid confrontation with differing ideologies.

Section 2: This legislation has nothing to do with MTSU’s Safe Zone Training Program offered by the Intercultural and Diversity Affairs Office.

Section 3: Middle Tennessee State University’s Student Government Association will encourage the transfer of new and contrasting ideas peacefully and respectfully among the entire student body.

Sponsor: Senator Carroll

Co-Sponsor: Senator Patel

Speaker of the Senate

SGA President

VP of Student Affairs