GSA Bill #4
A bill in support of the current and future family housing residents.

WHEREAS, the Graduate Student Assembly (GSA) Committee for Quality of Life is dedicated to increasing and benefitting the quality of life of all graduate students; and,

WHEREAS, Family Housing residents have been facing an extended and uncertain period regarding their living arrangement starting on February 11th, 2022, when the initial announcement of the closure of Family Housing was sent to residents; and,

WHEREAS, a task force was formed by Executive Vice Chancellor (EVC) Ankerson to determine the need and sustainability of the current Family Housing inventory and delivered their report to the EVC on December 2nd, 2022; and,

WHEREAS, residents have been provided with a survey from EVC Ankerson regarding their opinions on various options; and,

WHEREAS, some current residents may be required to move from their current unit to other units in Family Housing; and,

WHEREAS, some options include various methods of rent increases; and,

WHEREAS, after speaking with current residents, GSA members have heard moving will cause emotional, physical, and financial distress; and,

WHEREAS, rent increases related to sustaining Family Housing would result in increased financial distress for current and future residents when not combined with an increase in income.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the GSA is in support of developing and integrating a future plan for University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL) Family Housing into UNL’s Campus Master Plan that includes expansion of graduate student housing; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the GSA calls on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln to minimize the emotional, physical, and financial distress on Family Housing residents; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the GSA is in support increased rent only if there is an equivalent increase in stipends; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the GSA will provide this document to whom it may concern regarding the sustainability and continuation of our Family Housing program at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.
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Initial letter from Charlie Francis, Director of Housing & Dining Services
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