

**STUDENT SENATE BILL 2025-1008**

**TITLE: Resolution Advocating for the Expansion of the Homebound Helper Program**

**AUTHOR(S): Senator Matthew Bravo**

**SPONSOR(S): Out of State Affairs Cabinet Director Madalyn Kriesen, Student Body Vice President Laura Thomas**

**WHEREAS**, the University of Florida has a significant number of students both in-state and out-of-state who return home during holidays and break seasons throughout the school year; and,

**WHEREAS**, to aid student transportation needs, the University of Florida Student Government and the University of Florida Transportation and Parking Services (TAPS) team created the Homebound Helper program [1]; and,

**WHEREAS**, this program is designed specifically to offer discounts on both outbound and return Lyft rides to the Gainesville Regional Airport, the local Greyhound Bus stop, and a Flixbus stop [1]; and,

**WHEREAS**, each student is eligible to redeem two discounts per university break [1]; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Homebound Helper program serves all UF residence halls (including Tanglewood, The Continuum, and Infinity Hall), on-campus and off-campus sorority and fraternity houses, as well as the Greyhound Bus and Flixbus stop on NW 34th Street, and the Gainesville Regional Airport [1]; and,

**WHEREAS**, the upcoming spring break period and summer break will create a need for efficient and cost-effective transportation for all students at the University of Florida, then;

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED** that the University of Florida Student Senate is committed to ensuring the success and expansion of the Homebound Helper program for this upcoming spring break, summer, and for future years to come.

**THEREFORE, LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED** that the University of Florida Student Senate is committed to continuing its successful partnership with Lyft.

**THEREFORE, LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED** that the University of Florida Student Senate is thankful for the support of the TAPS team for ensuring the Homebound Helper initiative thrives at UF.

*Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to Student Body Vice President Laura Thomas, TAPS Associate Director of Transportation Jeremiah Mcinnis, Out of State Affairs Cabinet Director Madalyn Kriesen.*

[1] [https://www.instagram.com/p/DEf3pqyylbI/?img\\_index=3](https://www.instagram.com/p/DEf3pqyylbI/?img_index=3)

  
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