Statement on the 21st Century Youth Entrepreneurship Act

The MIT Graduate Student Council (GSC) represents the 6,900 graduate students of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). We support policies that allow students to explore and pursue diverse career paths, including those in academia, industry, government, entrepreneurship, and elsewhere. **Therefore, we endorse and support the 21st Century Youth Entrepreneurship Act.**

Over 20% of MIT graduate students are pursuing a business degree through the Sloan School of Management and many more have entrepreneurial interests. For many, the decision to engage in entrepreneurship can be traced back to interactions and opportunities presented to them while in K-12 schools. Running mock towns and businesses, presentations by local business leaders or former students, and other formal and informal education programs are key to encouraging entrepreneurial mindsets. We are therefore proud to support Rep. Meng’s effort to empower the next generation to be innovators and job creators through the inclusion of entrepreneurship and leadership programs in schools.

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