A resolution supporting the MaryPIRG Student Climate Action Coalition and FUTURE Act

Summary: This resolution calls upon the University of Maryland College Park’s Government Relation’s Office to advocate for and support the FUTURE act and support the MaryPIRG Student Climate Action Coalition for carbon neutrality.

WHEREAS, MaryPIRG is a statewide student advocacy group with chapters at ten Maryland universities and is dedicated to reducing the impacts of climate change, protecting public health, and strengthening democracy, feeding the hungry, and other actionable goals that strive towards sustainable development; and

WHEREAS, carbon neutrality is the act of reducing the overall carbon output of the university to net zero carbon emissions, making carbon neutrality one of the most efficient ways for large organizations, such as universities, to combat the climate crisis; and

WHEREAS, MaryPIRG’s Student Climate Action Coalition (MSCAC) will put forth the FUTURE Act to the Maryland General Assembly, which will require all public 4-year colleges to be carbon neutral by 2030 and require all universities to fund at least one full-time dedicated sustainability position to track carbon neutrality progress by 2030; and

WHEREAS, the collaborative support of all aspects of the University will be a key aspect to the success of the FUTURE Act.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Graduate Student Government supports MSCAC and urges the Maryland General Assembly to pass the FUTURE Act; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Graduate Student Government requests the University of Maryland College Park’s Office of Government Relations to Support the FUTURE Act.

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