



Student Government Association

St. Mary's College of Maryland

St. Mary's City, Maryland, 20686

Resolution F21:01

St. Mary's College of Maryland Support for MaryPIRG Student Climate Action Coalition's (MSCAC) FUTURE Act

Sponsors: Emily Rudo, *Senate Leader;*

Cosponsors: Alex Minor, *Prince George Senator;* Meghan Stevens, *Lewis Quad Senator;*

Executive Cosponsors: Dylan Parham, *Student Body Vice President;*

Whereas: The Student Government Association has the responsibility to improve the campus community;

Whereas: Climate change is impacting everyone and every school. As a school on the St. Mary's River, we have a direct impact on our environment and we should work to protect our river, our environment, and our community;

Whereas: MSCAC is a coalition of undergraduate and graduate college students from across Maryland public schools who advocate for climate action and right now, MSCAC is campaigning for carbon neutrality;

Whereas: MSCAC is developing and lobbying for a carbon neutrality commitment bill that includes all Maryland public colleges. Aside from passing carbon neutrality legislation, current priorities include expanding sustainable education initiatives for students across our state, with an emphasis on understanding intersectionality and environmental justice within the climate action movement;

Whereas: Maryland's public universities both produce leaders for our state and are in the unique position to be leaders themselves. Achieving carbon neutrality means that our universities are not contributing to climate change—instead, they become models for sustainable living;

Whereas: MSCAC's FUTURE Act was introduced into the Maryland General Assembly last session and gained a lot of traction;

Whereas: The St. Mary's College of Maryland Student Government Association provided a letter of support during the fall semester of 2020;

Whereas: MSCAC's FUTURE Act needs support from public colleges and the Student Government Associations of these schools,

Be it Hereby Resolved:

1. The St. Mary's College of Maryland Student Government Association will write a letter of support for MaryPIRG Student Climate Action Coalition's (MSCAC) FUTURE Act;

Be it Hereby Further Resolved:

2. The St. Mary's College of Maryland Student Government Association may be asked to write a letter of testimony for MaryPIRG Student Climate Action Coalition's (MSCAC) FUTURE Act.