

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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Senate Bill

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Introduced by: Senator Liz Mendicino, Senator Riley Stein, Senator Evelyn Voitsekovitch

Proposed by: Senator Liz Mendicino

Whereas: The Student Government Association of Ramapo College of New Jersey is the liaison body to the Faculty, Staff, Administration, the Board of Trustees and the Board of Governors of Ramapo College of New Jersey;

Whereas: Ramapo College of New Jersey is a public institution of higher education that values scholarship, global community, and inclusivity;

Whereas: The Ramapo College Student Government Association serves as the persistent voice of the student body and seeks to uplift and support all Ramapo students;

Whereas: On Monday, February 13, 2023, an active shooter, who would later commit suicide, opened fire on the Michigan State University campus, killing three students and seriously injuring five others;

Whereas: Michigan State students sophomore Brian Fraser, junior Alexandria Verner, and junior Arielle Anderson each lost their lives due to this senseless act of violence;

Whereas: Postmortem, a note was found in the pocket of the gunman indicating a threat to two schools in Ewing, New Jersey;

Whereas: Gun violence has been on the rise on college campuses across the United States, according to PBS News out of the nine total college mass shootings since 1966, six have occurred within the last fifteen years;

Therefore be it Resolved: The Ramapo College SGA stands in solidarity with the victims, families, and communities impacted by this attack, and condemns the violence perpetrated by the gunman;

Therefore be it Resolved: The SGA will promote a secure, safe, and violence-free campus and provide a voice for the student body's safety concerns;



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Therefore be it Resolved: Each active member of the SGA will make a commitment to promoting a safe campus through leadership and taking part in educational trainings, such as ALICE Training, Ask, Listen, Refer Training, and other such opportunities that we are provided.

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