

**Senate Bill**

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**Introduced by: SSHS School Senator El Sharo**

**Proposed by: President Liz Mendicino, Student Trustee Sarah Glisson, Vice President James Pascal**

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**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:** 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:** Ramapo College of New Jersey is a public institution of higher education that values a supportive campus that provides support for a student's overall wellbeing and helps students manage their non-academic responsibilities;

**Whereas:** Health Services are a critical component of a supportive campus, providing essential and accessible student services that can be accessed without an office visit fee;

**Whereas:** Health Services ensures that students who may face financial barriers, privacy concerns, transportation challenges, or time constraints are able to receive timely and confidential medical care without disruption to their academic progress;

**Whereas:** Currently, negotiations are being made which would see Ramapo College outsource their health services to an external partner, in this case being Valley Medical Group;

**Whereas:** Outsourcing Health Services to Valley Medical Group would transfer oversight from the College to an external healthcare provider, raising concerns including affordability, confidentiality, and alignment with the needs of the Ramapo student body;

**Whereas:** Students, faculty, and staff have voiced concerns that outsourcing could lead to higher costs for appointments and services, limitations on insurance coverage, and weaker integration with other campus resources such as Counseling Services;

**Whereas:** Ramapo College of New Jersey is an institution that prides itself on shared governance, a pillar of which includes open transparency and conversation between the institution and the student body;

**Whereas:** The decision to enter negotiations for an agreement with Valley Medical Group was brought before the Board of Trustees without student knowledge or input;

**Whereas:** Whilst it is required for administrative meeting minutes regarding information of this nature to be accessed publicly and easily, students were not notified of this information, and the minutes for this aforementioned decision were exceptionally difficult and confusing for students to access;

**Therefore be it Resolved:** The Student Government Association of Ramapo College of New Jersey formally condemns the lack of transparency in regards to the Valley Health negotiations;

**Therefore be it Resolved:** The Student Government Association calls for transparency in all conversations regarding student life, which includes but is not limited to, open forums for student input, opportunities for community feedback, and representation of students in decision-making processes, and inclusion of the Student Government to disseminate accurate and important information to the student body;

**Therefore be it Resolved:** The Student Government Association will continually advocate for not only publicity of important discussions that pertain to student life, but accessibility to this information to continually foster an engaged, informed, and accurately represented student body;

**Therefore be it Resolved:** The Student Government Association will continue to advocate for health services that are student-centered and responsive to the evolving needs of the Ramapo student body;

**Therefore be it Resolved:** The Student Government Association will work with the appropriate offices to ensure health services are student-centered and responsive to the evolving needs of the Ramapo student body.

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