

**R025-0304**

**10 A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE HANDLING OF THE STUDENT**  
**20 CITIZENS ACTION NETWORK POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE**

- 30 **WHEREAS:** SCANPAC was created as a non-partisan organization for the purpose  
40 of working for the students of Maryland, controlling the tuition hikes,  
50 and fighting student apathy in the State; and,
- 60 **WHEREAS:** SCANPAC has accepted contributions from hard working teachers,  
70 professors, State representatives, and other hard working Marylanders  
80 for the expressed purpose of fighting for the students of Maryland; and,
- 90 **WHEREAS:** SCANPAC has recently spent \$8,000 dollars of accepted donations on a  
100 poll rating the approval rating of Governor Ehrlich; and,
- 110 **WHEREAS:** This SCANPAC poll has Governor Ehrlich at a 49% approval rating while  
120 widely respected polls such as polls from the Washington Post and the  
130 Baltimore Sun have Governor Ehrlich at approval ratings at  
140 more then 60%; and,
- 150 **WHEREAS:** Leaders of SCANPAC have refused repeated requests to release the poll's  
160 complete results, leading Steven Kull, director of the University's Program on  
170 International Policy Attitudes at College Park, to indicate that he  
180 "... wouldn't put too much stock in [the results]"; and,
- 190 **WHEREAS:** A recent Washington Post story concluded mockingly  
200 "So, it turns out that Ehrlich is not nearly as popular as those half-baked polls by  
210 The Washington Post and the Baltimore Sun would have people believe,"; and,
- 220 **WHEREAS:** SCANPAC has recently spent approximately \$10,000 on a video  
230 attacking Governor Ehrlich; and,
- 240 **WHEREAS:** This video entitled "Bob and Me" is modeled after the documentary  
250 "Roger and Me" created by filmmaker Michael Moore; and,
- 260 **WHEREAS:** The video portrays Governor Ehrlich in a negative light and attempts to  
270 inaccurately place the blame of higher tuition solely on Governor Ehrlich; and,
- 280 **WHEREAS:** This blatant attack goes against the nonpartisan spirit asserted by SCANPAC  
290 and places SCANPAC with the most partisan of organizations; and,
- 300 **WHEREAS:** Such partisan bickering alienates legislators and prevents bipartisan  
310 solutions to the funding crisis within the University System of Maryland; and,
- 320 **WHEREAS:** Such partisan attacks and wasteful spending does nothing to solve the funding  
330 problems faced by our Universities and does nothing to lower tuition for  
340 college students.
- 350 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Maryland Student Legislature condemns the  
360 aforementioned partisan and financially wasteful attacks levied against  
370 Governor Ehrlich by SCANPAC; and
- 380 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the Maryland Student Legislature

390 strongly and most sincerely urges the leaders of SCANPAC  
400 to apologize for their misuse and abuse of donations given by  
410 hard working and caring citizens of Maryland; and,

420 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:** The Maryland Student Legislature  
430 strongly urges SCANPAC and its leaders to start a new trend in  
440 Annapolis and work with the Governor and all Legislators to  
450 intelligently and calmly find a common ground solution to the tuition hikes,  
460 put an end to the partisan nonsense, and work for the students rather than  
470 attacking Governor Ehrlich.

480 **MANDATES:** Governor Robert Ehrlich Jr.  
490 Lt. Governor Michael Steele  
500 SCANPAC Chairman Tim Daly  
510 SCANPAC Senior Research Director Byron MacFarlane  
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