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10 **A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE MARYLAND TAX CODE**

20 **WHEREAS:** In the 2007 session the Maryland General Assembly passed
30 a \$33 billion budget for the state of Maryland; and,

40 **WHEREAS:** This budget represents record high spending levels; and,

50 **WHEREAS:** The FY 2008 budget drained the “Rainy Day” fund; and,

60 **WHEREAS:** Maryland still does not have sufficient funds to pay for the
70 drastic increase in spending; and,

80 **WHEREAS:** Maryland is now facing a looming \$1.7 billion deficit; and,

90 **WHEREAS:** Governor Martin O’Malley has proposed to correct this
100 deficit through a broad package of tax increases; and,

110 **WHEREAS:** The proposed tax increases include doubling the gas tax,
120 increasing the sales tax from five to six percent, and
130 expanding the sales tax to include services, which have
140 never before been taxed in Maryland; and,

150 **WHEREAS:** These taxes are generally considered to be regressive in
160 nature, affecting most those who can afford them least; and,

170 **WHEREAS:** Increasing the gas tax would also increase shipping costs
180 for Maryland businesses; and,

190 **WHEREAS:** The O’Malley tax plan also calls for increasing corporate
200 taxes from eight to nine percent; and,

210 **WHEREAS:** Businesses are likely to pass these added expenses onto the
220 consumers, resulting in higher prices for food and other
230 goods in Maryland; and,

240 **WHEREAS:** This would effectively make the increased corporate taxes
250 an indirect tax on all Marylanders and add yet another
260 financial burden to the hard-working residents of this great
270 state.

280 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Maryland Student Legislature
290 opposes all proposed regressive tax increases, direct or
300 indirect; and,

310 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the Maryland Student Legislature urges
320 Governor O’Malley and the Maryland General Assembly to
330 craft and pass a fiscally responsible and balanced budget
340 that does not require the imposition of a crushing new tax
350 burden on Maryland residents.

360 **MANDATES:** Martin O’Malley, Governor of Maryland
370 Anthony G. Brown, Lieutenant Governor of Maryland
380 Thomas V. Mike Miller, President of the Senate
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