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A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF DINING TRAY DISTRIBUTION

WHEREAS: Tray usage in dining halls contributes to significant food and energy waste on college campuses nationwide; and,

WHEREAS: Students waste up to 16 tons of uneaten food a year because of using trays in dining halls;

WHEREAS: Tray usage adds to energy waste and it costs colleges 50 cents to wash each tray; and,

WHEREAS: College campuses have seen ever-increasing costs of tuition, room and board, and more sustainable food usage would reduce the impact of higher tuition; and,

WHEREAS By eliminating tray usage, students become more aware of their carbon footprint and develop a deeper connection with their school and its environmental focus.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Maryland Student Legislature recommends that all public institutions of higher education in Maryland implement a trayless dining policy.

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