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A Resolution Concerning Adequate Lighting on North Campus

A bill for the consideration of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts Student Government

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Whereas, the mission of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts Student Government (hereafter LSA SG) is to “actively seek the voices of LSA students and advocate their interests to improve academic and non-academic life”; and,

Whereas, it is the duty of the University of Michigan (hereafter the University) to provide safe living and learning environments for all students; and,

Whereas, a significant number of LSA students, in particular first-years, reside in North Campus residence halls; and,

Whereas, LSA students have frequently voiced their concerns regarding the lack of lighting on the University’s campus, especially North Campus; and,

Whereas, the Student Life Committee of LSA SG has frequently received inquires through its complaint forum thissucks@umich.edu voicing concerns regarding lighting conditions on North Campus; and,

Whereas, University of Michigan’s Department of Public Safety (hereafter UMDPS) has discussed with LSA SG the idea of improving on-campus lighting conditions; and,

Whereas, in a poll conducted by LSA SG during the 2017 Winter Election, 43% of LSA students that either live on or frequently visit North Campus reported feeling unsafe in both the residential area and the North Campus Diag, 20% reported feeling unsafe in the residential area and 9% reported feeling unsafe on the North Campus Diag.

Be it therefore resolved, LSA SG calls upon the University’s administration to improve the lighting conditions on North Campus in both the residential area and on the North Campus Diag; and,

Be it therefore resolved, LSA SG suggests the implementation of blinders on residence hall windows in order to address concerns that additional lighting will keep students awake at night; and,

Be it finally resolved, LSA SG will send a letter to the University’s administration, in particular UMDPS, voicing the concerns stated previously in this resolution.

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To Whom It May Concern,

LSA Student Government recently passed a resolution regarding lighting on North Campus. Campus lighting is a top concern of the LSA Student Government general assembly, and we would like to address some concerns that have been raised by students. Students consider North Campus to be one of the most poorly-lit areas in the entire University, in particular the area surrounding and including Bursley, Baits, and Northwood.

During the 2017 Winter Election, LSA Student Government introduced a poll to the LSA student body that asked them their opinion on the status of lighting on North Campus. Of those who are frequents or residents of North Campus, 72% voiced some type of concern regarding lighting on North Campus. 43% reported that they feel unsafe in both the residential area and the North Campus Diag. 20% reported that they feel unsafe in just the residential area, and 9% reported that they feel unsafe on just the North Campus Diag. With this data collected, LSA Student Government is confident that many students have a concern regarding proper lighting on North Campus. As multiple authors of this letter have lived on North Campus, we can personally attest that the lighting is inadequate, especially in the Northwood area.

This letter is intended to be an outreach to the University of Michigan administration, in particular the Department of Public Safety. While we understand that installing new lighting on campus can be both expensive and labor-intensive, we believe that the safety of students and students simply feeling that they are safe is an adequate reason to look into installing more lighting on North Campus. We would like to formally reach out to administration in order to further discuss this issue and work together to come up with a solution that can help assist the student body. We also recognize that there are various concerns associated with adding more lighting, such as the prospect of too much light leaking into residence hall windows. We would also like to address those concerns and come to solutions regarding that.

We thank you in advance for your consideration,

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