A Resolution Supporting the President Climate Commitment Campaign
Call for Acclimation

WHEREAS the Residence Hall Association (RHA) is the governing body for all on-campus students, and

WHEREAS the RHA established the Sustainability Committee of Maryland (SCOM) to advance sustainability efforts on campus, and

WHEREAS former University of Maryland (UMD) president Dan Mote signed the President’s Climate Commitment in 2007, and

WHEREAS UMD released a Climate Action Plan in 2009 detailing benchmarks to reduce UMD’s carbon footprint with the eventual goal of becoming a carbon neutral campus by 2050, and

WHEREAS current UMD president Wallace Loh has not released plans to achieve the upcoming benchmark of a 25% reduction in carbon emissions by 2015, and

WHEREAS the Student Sustainability Committee (SSC) of the Student Government Association has written a letter (Appendix A) urging President Loh to announce his plans to meet the forthcoming benchmarks, and

WHEREAS SSC solicited SCOM and many other student groups and organizations for a forthcoming signing of the letter and shooting of a short video segment asking administrators “What’s the plan?”, and

WHEREAS SCOM unanimously voted on October 15th, 2012 to support the President Climate Commitment Campaign by signing the letter and participating in the accompanying video,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the RHA only sign the Climate Action Plan Student Group Coalition Letter.

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