

R-S2018-02: Imploring the Federal Government to pass legislation that reinstates a ban on Assault Weapons that includes all semi-automatic firearms and assault weapons.

Primary Sponsor:

Marisa Blackman, Junior Class Council

Sponsors:

Bobby Bargna, Senator of Business
Dominic Clark, Junior Class Council
Christina Vassalo, Junior Class Council

Date: 2/17/18

WHEREAS, the Student Government of The College of New Jersey promotes and advocates for its constituents' best interests; and

WHEREAS, the Student Government of The College of New Jersey acknowledges the importance of having a safe campus and country; and

WHEREAS, the Student Government of The College of New Jersey recognizes that according to The Washington Post, 1,077 people have died in the United States from mass shootings alone since 1966¹; and

WHEREAS, the Student Government of The College of New Jersey acknowledges that the Federal Government has failed to pass a bill renewing the Clinton-era Federal Assault Weapons Bill since its expiration in 2004; and

WHEREAS, the Student Government of The College of New Jersey realizes that according to The Washington Post, only 7 states have upheld the ban on assault weapons²; and

WHEREAS, the Student Government of The College of New Jersey recognizes that semi-automatic weapons have been used in 13 out of 14 shootings since 2004 that resulted in over ten deaths, which include the Stoneman Douglas High School shooting (2018), the Las Vegas shooting (2017), the Sutherland Springs church shooting (2017), the Orlando nightclub shooting (2016), the San Bernardino attack (2015), the Washington Navy Yard shooting (2013), the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting (2012), the Aurora shooting (2012), the Binghamton shootings (2009), the Fort Hood shooting (2009), the Geneva County massacre (2009), the Virginia Tech shooting (2007), and the Red Lake shootings (2005); and

1

https://www.washingtonpost.com/graphics/2018/national/mass-shootings-in-america/?utm_term=.02bb56bf96f8

2

https://www.washingtonpost.com/graphics/2017/national/assault-weapons-laws/?utm_term=.9162c1ecc233

WHEREAS, the Student Government of The College of New Jersey recognizes that semi-automatic firearms are self-loading and designed to fire as rapidly as one can pull the trigger; and

WHEREAS, the Student Government of The College of New Jersey believes that the sale of these weapons should be outlawed throughout the United States of America due to the mass amount of casualties they can incur; and

BE IT RESOLVED, the Student Government of The College of New Jersey prompts the federal government to ban the sale of all semi-automatic firearms and assault weapons; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Student Government of The College of New Jersey urges The Federal Government to take further steps to ensure that stricter gun control laws are passed that make it impossible for one to own a gun if placed on the terrorist watch list, that instate mandatory mental health evaluations and background checks on all citizens who wish to purchase a gun, and that require training before a citizen is allowed to purchase a gun.

Bill/Resolution Name/Date:	R-S2018-03			
	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Education				
Brianna Antionello	x			
Dejon Ricketts	x			
Liam Kealy				x
Thomas Ballard	x			
Lauren Katz	x			
Science				
Marueen Haque				x
Vineeth Amba	x			
Justine Wilson	x			
Madhav Patel	x			
Anshel Bright				x
Sabrina Mazahreh	x			
Matthew Van Soelen	x			
John Barry	x			
Business				
Jake Mansure	x			
Kerry Silverman	x			
Gino Pineda	x			
Michael Garcia	x			
Rajbir Toor	x			
Benjamin Cutler				x
Robert Bargna	x			
Christopher Camacho			x	
Rachel Leo	x			
HSS				
Shanise Curry				x
Rosie Driscoll	x			
Ralph Betancourt	x			
Jaclyn Corbo	x			
Gusvernande Jean Baptiste				x

Ino Cintron - Burch	x			
Peter Debaecke	x			
Kiana Stockwell				x
David McMillan		x		
Gigi Garity				x
Jenni O'Neill	x			
Nursing, HES				
Sumaya Sippy	x			
Saloni Shah				x
Kilian Graves				x
Bethlehem Bekuretsion				x
Diana Da Silva	x			
Arts & Com				
Loriann Guzman	x			
Brianna Sheppard				x
Rachel Smith	x			
Alyssa Jackson	x			
Taylor Mislán	x			
Engineering				
Richard Brum	x			
George Exarchis	x			
Albert Martin	x			
Amit Rana	x			
Senior CC				
Lindsay Thomas	x			
Matthew Kinghorn				x
Zachary Mulhern				x
Matthew Ranieri	x			
AJ LoPresti	x			
Junior CC				
Dominic Clark	x			
Sukhman Singh	x			

Kelly Saldarriaga				x
Christina Vassalo		x		
Marissa Blackman	x			
Soph CC				
Justin Lewbel	x			
Dani Mauro	x			
Louis Ferrara	x			
Trevor Baldwin			x	
Lianna Doley	x			
FCC				
Suchir Govindarajan	x			
Colleen Rushnak	x			
Isabel Anthony	x			
Cesar Colon	x			
Samantha Koch	x			
Christopher Driscoll		x		
Rupak Doctor	x			
Student Advocate				
Shrey Patel	x			
Cabinet				
Chris Blakeley (only votes in ties)				
Carly Mauro	x			
Patricia Kou	x			
Brooke Chlebowski	x			
Cassandra Kriegel	x			
Dovid Wasserman-Plaza	x			
Melissa Sandoval	x			
Priscilla Nuñez				x
Juan Carlos Belmonte			x	
Nikita Taneja	x			
Baldween Casseus	x			
Brittany Cruz	x			
--	# YES	# NO	# ABSTAIN	# ABSENT

Totals:	59	3	3	16
Total Number of Voting Members	% YES	% NO	% ABSTAIN	% ABSENT
81	72.84%	3.70%	3.70%	19.75%
FATE OF BILL	PASSED			