



Resolution condemning the Minnesota Legislature for raising the gas tax to reprehensible levels.

- WHEREAS: The Minnesota Legislature raised the Minnesota tax on gasoline and diesel fuels; and,
- WHEREAS: This increase has an enormous financial impact on people with fixed and low income; and,
- WHEREAS: Students are a major demographic of people living on limited budgets; and,
- WHEREAS: This tax will only affect students negatively when they are traveling within the state for internships and trips home; and,
- WHEREAS: This will place an additional, undue burden on families who are scrapping to make tuition payments; and,
- WHEREAS: This is a wholly avoidable tax levied against the students of the state; and,
- WHEREAS: If the Minnesota Legislature is going to make claims that it will stand in support of its student constituents, it must understand that this tax is contradictory to any such notion; and,
- WHEREAS: Saint John's University and the College of Saint Benedict rely on diesel fuel for inter-campus transportation; and,
- WHEREAS: This transportation fee is paid for by student dollars

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT WE, THE SAINT JOHN'S UNIVERSITY STUDENT SENATE, do hereby condemn the Minnesota Legislature for raising the gas tax to levels so high that student mobility is threatened.

Moved by Senator David Goblirsch; seconded by Chairman Heath Stoll.
This resolution passed 9-7 on Monday, March 10, 2008.