

A Resolution Concerning Divestment

Whereas, Carleton says it is “dedicated to investigating and promoting awareness of the current and future impacts of our actions”;

Whereas, Carleton says it is a “model of stewardship for the environment by incorporating ideals of sustainability into the operations of the College”;

Whereas, it has been established beyond any doubt that climate change is real and is damaging to the health and safety of the planet and its inhabitants;

Whereas, the release of greenhouse gases is the most outstanding contributor to climate change;

Whereas, the fossil fuel industry perpetuates the consumption of greenhouse gases;

Whereas, said companies are irrevocably changing the climate despite the scholarship of the scientific community;

Whereas, the Carleton Student Association (CSA) has no reason to believe that divestment from fossil fuel companies would negatively impact the financial sustainability of the college;

Whereas, divestment has widespread support among the student body as evidenced by the petition;

Whereas, the CSA understands the time-sensitive case for divestment from fossil fuel companies; now, therefore be it

Resolved, that the CSA encourages the College to explore and implement divestment from stocks of the top 200 fossil fuel companies within the next 5 years; and

Resolved, that the CSA President be requested to send a copy of this resolution to the President of the College and the College Council.

Quotations taken from the Charter of the Environmental Advisory Committee, approved by the College Council May 15, 2006