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Student Assembly R. 82: Addressing First-Year TCAT Passes

*Sponsors: Yamini Bhandari on behalf of Jordan Berger (jrb476), Matthew Stefanko, and Sarah Balik
Propose on April 29th, 2014*

1 Whereas, Cornell University decided to relocate parking spaces to an area that was occupied
2 by the Redbud Woods, a historic district, despite stark opposition from members of the Cornell
3 and greater Ithaca community in 2005,
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5 Whereas, President Hunter Rawlings signed an agreement between the University and the
6 Redbud Woods protestors and pledged to provide free bus passes for all new students,
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8 Whereas, the administration of Cornell University is unwilling to fulfill their commitment of a \$1
9 per ride subsidy to the TCAT,
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11 Whereas, President Skorton has set a goal for the university to be carbon neutral by 2035 and
12 this commitment provides an introduction to additional options and an incentive to leave their
13 personal vehicles at home,
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15 Whereas, free bus passes afford new student an opportunity to become familiar with the TCAT
16 system, which encourages the use of public transportation as an added safety precaution
17 during the evening hours in which crimes are more prevalent,
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19 Be it therefore resolved, that the Student Assembly supports that Cornell increases its
20 subsidies to the \$1.00 per ride limit without eliminating the passes to first year students or
21 services currently provided to students, faculty, and staff.
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23 Be it further resolved, that the Student Assembly will not support the use of the Student Activity
24 Fee to partially or fully cover the cost of first year student bus passes,
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26 Be it finally resolved, that the Student Assembly supports that Transportation Services from
27 Facilities Services immediately begin conducting open regular meetings with the Campus
28 Infrastructure Committee, community members, and the Provost to discuss ridership and TCAT
29 financial status and develop a long-term solution as soon as possible.
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33 Respectfully Submitted,

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36 Parliamentarian, Student Assembly
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39 Freshman Representative, Student Assembly

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