SENATE RESOLUTION [05]
A RESOLUTION TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT TO CONDEMN THE ATLANTIC COAST PIPELINE CONSTRUCTION THROUGH ROBESON COUNTY

Short Title: Students Against Atlantic Coast Pipeline Act

Sponsored by: Senator Revels

Signatories: Senator Baxley, Senator Hester, Senator Mendez, Senator Torres

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Referred to: Student Affairs

1. Section 1. The Student Senate of the University of North Carolina at Pembroke adopts the following Resolution:

   WHEREAS, The University of North Carolina benefits strongly from the growth, development, and mutual collaboration with Robeson County and the town of Pembroke; and,

   WHEREAS, The proposed Atlantic Coast Pipeline (ACP) will carry natural gas from fracking sites in West Virginia, through Virginia, ending in Robeson County, North Carolina, just one mile away from UNCP; and,

   WHEREAS, One of the effects of the ACP will be people potentially losing their land for its construction with also a projected environmental damage including harmful debris runoff, and,

   WHEREAS, The ACP provides a high risk of projected environmental contamination that can be harmful for the University of North Carolina at Pembroke as an educational institution, while also being a risk for the economic success of the area; and,

   WHEREAS, Construction of the ACP will require clearing out around 564 miles of land for the proposed route, which will cause most of the runoff to go into surrounding bodies of water which will add to the already present water pollution issue in NC which is worsened by waste-water runoff from industrial agriculture operations, which contribute to water issues by releasing excess nitrogen and pathogens into the water which cause Fish Kills and Algae Blooms; and,

   WHEREAS, Robeson county has documented over 8000 swamps, rivers, and bay systems, many of which are used for recreation, spiritual and religious purposes, as a source of food, and also as a part of Lumbee culture that provide a delicate environmental ecosystem that needs to be protected; now, therefore, be it
RESOLVED, The Student Government Association will provide support for student initiatives and organizations that stand against the construction of the Atlantic Coast Pipeline as a response to the risks it holds for the community and university; and be it further

RESOLVED, The Student Government Association condemns the construction of the Atlantic Coast Pipeline near UNCP; and be it further

RESOLVED, The Student Government Association will encourage conversations and bring awareness on this issue as an initiative to protect the environment surrounding the university for the progress and development of Robeson County.

Section 2. This Act shall be effective upon enrollment and shall continue until the end of Spring 2018.