

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 (Public)

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
2 following Resolution:
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- 4 **WHEREAS,** The University of North Carolina benefits strongly from the growth, development,
5 and mutual collaboration with Robeson County and the town of Pembroke; and,
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- 7 **WHEREAS,** The proposed Atlantic Coast Pipeline (ACP) will carry natural gas from fracking
8 sites in West Virginia, through Virginia, ending in Robeson County, North
9 Carolina, just one mile away from UNCP; and,
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- 11 **WHEREAS,** One of the effects of the ACP will be people potentially losing their land for its
12 construction with also a projected environmental damage including harmful debris
13 runoff, and,
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- 15 **WHEREAS,** The ACP provides a high risk of projected environmental contamination that can
16 be harmful for the University of North Carolina at Pembroke as an educational
17 institution, while also being a risk for the economic success of the area; and,
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- 19 **WHEREAS,** Construction of the ACP will require clearing out around 564 miles of land for the
20 proposed route, which will cause most of the runoff to go into surrounding bodies
21 of water which will add to the already present water pollution issue in NC which is
22 worsened by waste-water runoff from industrial agriculture operations, which
23 contribute to water issues by releasing excess nitrogen and pathogens into the
24 water which cause Fish Kills and Algae Blooms; and,
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- 26 **WHEREAS,** Robeson county has documented over 8000 swamps, rivers, and bay systems,
27 many of which are used for recreation, spiritual and religious purposes, as a source
28 of food, and also as a part of Lumbee culture that provide a delicate environmental
29 ecosystem that needs to be protected; now, therefore, be it
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31 **RESOLVED**, The Student Government Association will provide support for student initiatives
32 and organizations that stand against the construction of the Atlantic Coast Pipeline
33 as a response to the risks it holds for the community and university; and be it
34 further
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36 **RESOLVED**, The Student Government Association condemns the construction of the Atlantic
37 Coast Pipeline near UNCP; and be it further
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39 **RESOLVED**, The Student Government Association will encourage conversations and bring
40 awareness on this issue as an initiative to protect the environment surrounding the
41 university for the progress and development of Robeson County.
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43 **Section 2.** This Act shall be effective upon enrollment and shall continue until the end of
44 Spring 2018.

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