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**IN THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT OF
GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY**

March 1, 2012

Submitted by Senator Von Kundra Senator Hennelly, and Senator Paugh

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Be it enacted by the Student Senate of George Mason University,

That if passed by the Student Senate of George Mason University a referendum to create a plastic bag surcharge will be added to the April 2012 election. The referendum would read

“This program would implement a 5-cent surcharge on all plastic bags distributed at George Mason University on its Fairfax campus. The resulting funds would be allocated to sustainable efforts at George Mason University. This tax is designed to reduce the amount of plastic bags that enter our waste stream and watershed.

Should this program be implemented?”

Students are given the option to choose “Yes” or “No.” Auxiliary Enterprises will administer the surcharge with the following expectations:

- 1) This will be a 5-cent charge for each plastic bag distributed.
- 2) The money gained from the plastic bag surcharge will go towards sustainability efforts at George Mason University.
- 3) This will be a Fairfax campus wide charge.

Passed the Student Senate: _____

Attest:

Speaker: Tommy Lee

Clerk: Elizabeth Baires

President: Allyson Bowers