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A JOINT STATEMENT FROM THE LEADERSHIP OF STUDENT GOVERNMENT

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Patriots,

We hope you are enjoying your Summer break as much as we are. As we move into a more open dialogue with the student body, we wanted to provide all students an update in situations that have arisen. Over the last few days, we have learned of two issues that will have a direct impact on students. First, the decision made by the University to increase parking rates, and secondly, the vote by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors to levy a regressive meals tax on dining options like Chick-fil-a, Panera, and other on-campus eateries including the Johnson Center. We wanted to let you know that WE HEAR YOU. Your opinions on social media and other outlets have made it very clear where you stand on these issues and we are eager to get to work on your behalf. We want to make sure the process by which these decisions are made is fully transparent and to advocate that YOUR VOICE IS HEARD before these decisions are made. With increasing tuition, room & board, parking, and possibly local taxes, we have a lot of work to do. Keeping you informed along the way and advocating for solutions that makes college affordable and efficient is one of our top priorities.

If you would like to contact any member of Student Government, please feel free to send us a message on social media, or email us at sg@gmu.edu.

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