STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION RUTGERS UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW – CAMDEN

SBA RESOLUTION 1.SP.2012

- WHEREAS, the Student Bar Association of Rutgers University School of Law Camden serves as the collective voice of the student body; and,
- WHEREAS, the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey Advisory Committee released a Final Report on January 25, 2012 recommending institutional changes in higher education throughout New Jersey; and,
- WHEREAS, the primary stated purpose of the Final Report was to assess opportunities for expanding medical research through New Jersey's public research universities; and,
- WHEREAS, within the fifty-seven page Final Report the School of Law at Rutgers Camden was addressed in fewer than two pages; and,
- WHEREAS, within those two pages, the Final Report recommends the merging of Rutgers Camden and Rowan University; and,
- WHEREAS, the Final Report recommends that this newly merged institution operate under and assume the name of Rowan University; and,
- WHEREAS, no data, facts, figures, or monetary or economic analysis was provided to support the Final Report's conclusory recommendations; and,
- WHEREAS, despite the Final Report's claim of considering faculty and student input, no members of the Student Bar Association have any knowledge to date of anyone from the faculty or student body being contacted by the Advisory Committee for input; therefore,
- **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the students of Rutgers University School of Law Camden take great pride in their affiliation with the Rutgers University community; and,
- **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that sufficient legal, economic, and procedural analysis must be thoroughly and publicly discussed before any action can be taken on the recommendations presented in the Final Report; and,
- **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the students of Rutgers University School of Law Camden are wholeheartedly opposed to losing their affiliation with the Rutgers Community based on a brief and unsupported recommendation; therefore,
- **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that the Student Bar Association of Rutgers University School of Law Camden urges the Rutgers University Board of Governors, Rutgers University Board of Trustees, and New Jersey Legislature to vote against taking any action based on the proposed recommendations of the Final Report until supporting data can be presented to and discussed by the Rutgers community.

Ryan Peters, President

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