



The State University of New York  
Student Assembly

**Resolution 1516-116**  
Sustainability Committee

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### **RESOLUTION 1516-116**

**TO: General Assembly**  
**FROM: Zachary Beaudoin, Chair of Sustainability**  
**DATE: April 16th 2016**  
**SUBJECT: SUNY Discretionary Purchasing**

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#### **Action Requested**

We call on New York to change the Food Metrics Bill in order to accommodate campuses that are forced into the unsustainable purchasing of food due to their location across the state.

#### **Resolution**

I recommend that the Student Assembly of the State University of New York (SUNYSA) adopt the following resolution:

Whereas most SUNY campuses have an auxiliary company that acts as their food purchaser and due to the Buy New York clause under the Food Metrics Bill, many are forced to buy food that isn't considered local; and

Whereas many campuses can buy food locally from a different state, but find that they can't because they are required to buy from New York instead; and

Whereas when food is required to be purchased from New York without the locality consideration—often times a lot of fuel is wasted and the food isn't as fresh; and

Whereas by adding a discretionary purchasing clause SUNY campuses could continue to buy New York, but save money and reduce their carbon admissions by buying local; and

Whereas by buying local, SUNY campuses are helping to contribute to their local economy whether it is right across the border in Pennsylvania or New Jersey; and

Whereas an example would be Fredonia that is close enough to Pennsylvania to be considered local, but might have to purchase food from Long Island; and therefore, be it

Resolved that we request that the Food Metrics Bill be amended to provide a clause to say that SUNY campuses are required to buy New York when the product can't be sourced locally; and, be it further

Resolved the Student Assembly calls on all campuses to both buy NY and set a goal to increase their purchasing of locally sourced food; and, be it further,

Resolved that Student Assembly encourages all campuses to transition away from big corporate food service contracts such as but not limited to Sodexo and Aramark; and be it further,

Resolved that the Student Assembly requests that campuses get suppliers that are reputable and provide quality wholesome food; and, finally, be it

Resolved that the Student Assembly of the State University of New York shall forward copies of this Resolution to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, Lt. Governor Kathleen C. Hochul, the members of the New York State Legislature, Commissioner of the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets Richard A. Ball, Jen McCormick the First Deputy Commissioner for A and M, Geoff Palmer the Director of Intergovernmental Affairs for A and M, the SUNY Board of Trustees, SUNY Chancellor Zimpher, University Faculty Senate, Faculty Council of Community Colleges, SUNY Campus Presidents, SUNY student governing bodies, and all other parties deemed necessary and proper.