Consolation and Condemnation of Terror Occurring Between the 12th and 14th of November
Senate Statement No. 5

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WHEREAS, we, the Students' Association, operate as a democratic body inspired by the United States Constitution, which advocates for liberty, tranquility, and prosperity; and,

WHEREAS, in 2008, the University of Rochester committed to adopting a global outlook as part of its principle agenda for the following ten years; and,

WHEREAS, in the year 2014, there were 16,818 terrorist attacks documented by the Global Terrorism Database, 28 of which included fatalities totaling over 101; and,

WHEREAS, in the year 2015, the number of such large-scale terrorist attacks has dramatically increased, recently climaxing in a series of attacks occurring between the 12th and 14th of November, involving targets including Paris, Beirut, Mount Hebron, and Baghdad; and,

WHEREAS, these attacks have had harmful consequences on the University of Rochester student body, over which the Students' Association holds the responsibility to protect, represent, and honor; and,

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1 https://www.rochester.edu/pr/Review/V70N3/feature2.html
2 http://www.start.umd.edu/gtd/search/Results.aspx?start_yearonly=2014&end_yearonly=&start_year=&start_month=&start_day=&end_year=&end_month=&end_day=&asmSelect0=&asmSelect1=&dtp2=all&success=yes&casualties_type=b&casualties_max=
WHEREAS, Souls United, a University of Rochester student group, coordinated a candlelight vigil that occurred November 15th in honor of the victims of the November 12th -14th terrorist attacks, thereby acknowledging and legitimizing the suffering of Rochester students who have lost loved ones in incidents of terror,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the University of Rochester Students' Association Government condemns all acts of terror -such as those witnessed between the 12th and 14th of November- as violations of basic human rights, and also, with equal strength, offers its grievances and consolation for those students who have been affected by loss in the name of terror.

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Ethan Bidna
Speaker, Students' Association Senate

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Committee Votes:
Yes: 10  No: 1  Abs: 0  Date: 12/01/2015