



## **RUSA Resolution F18-7**

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### **Resolution to Cosponsor Women Organizing Against Harassment’s “Write Your Reps” Event**

*Whereas*, research indicates that college-student voter turnout increased from 2012 to 2016,<sup>1</sup>

*Whereas*, the Rutgers chapter of NJPIRG has actively worked to increase college-student voter turnout,

*Whereas*, research indicates that personal contact of constituents to representatives has a greater impact on lawmakers than more low-effort contact,<sup>2</sup>

*Whereas*, research indicates a positive correlation between civic engagement and psychosocial well-being,<sup>3</sup>

*Whereas*, research indicates that protests and marches alone are not as effective as when they are combined with other forms of civic engagement,<sup>4</sup> and

*Whereas*, Women Organizing Against Harassment’s “Write Your Reps” event, where students will write to their incoming representatives, will be on November 14<sup>th</sup> from 7-10pm in the Women’s Center on the third floor of the Douglass Student Center,

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<sup>1</sup> <https://now.tufts.edu/news-releases/analysis-college-student-voting-increased-2016>

<sup>2</sup> <https://v2v.opengovfoundation.org/>

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<https://www.aacu.org/publications-research/periodicals/civic-engagement-and-psychosocial-well-being-college-students>

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.bustle.com/p/do-political-protests-actually-change-anything-29952>

***Be it hereby resolved,*** the Rutgers University Student Assembly cosponsors Women Organizing Against Harassment’s “Write Your Reps” event; and

***Be it further resolved,*** to aid in the efforts of Women Organizing Against Harassment during the “Write Your Reps” event, the Assembly will support a social media campaign for Write Your Reps that posts advertisements for the event (advertisements created by Women Organizing Against Harassment) to our social media.

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RUSA President

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Date