



**HARVARD LAW SCHOOL
STUDENT BODY
SPRING TERM
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RESOLUTION NO. R.-205-012

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A RESOLUTION TO: SUPPORT STUDENTS BY EXTENDING FREE COFFEE AND TEA TO ALL DAY AND INSTALLING MORE MICROWAVES ON CAMPUS

THE STUDENT BODY OF HARVARD LAW SCHOOL ENACTS:

WHEREAS, nutrition is an essential yet understated component of student health; and

WHEREAS, students returning to Harvard Law School's campus after the pandemic are revealing new patterns and challenges for student health and nutrition; and

WHEREAS, students currently struggle to heat food between classes due to the lack of microwaves around the school, often standing in long lines to use those microwaves; and

WHEREAS, Harvard Law School Student Government has brought up the issue of inadequate microwaves in several meetings with the Dean of Student Services, proposing that microwaves be added to regular student eating areas in Austin and Milstein, with another microwave be added in the Student Organizations room; and

WHEREAS, students cannot currently get free coffee all day despite the low cost of providing it; and

WHEREAS, the combination of these factors drives students to spend more money for food and coffee that is on or near campus, eating into their budgets and discouraging them from bringing healthy food to school from home; and

WHEREAS, this environment also disproportionately impacts low-wealth students who cannot afford to buy convenient food rather than make it at home, but have limited options for heating what they would prepare themselves; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Harvard Law School Student Government requests that Harvard Law School install microwaves in Austin Hall's basement (previously a "designated eating area,") in Milstein East, in Milstein West, and to add a microwave in the Student Organizations Room; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Student Government requests that the HLS Administration extend free coffee hours on campus to 8pm, to add decaf coffee and tea options, and ensure that the coffee is regularly refreshed throughout the day to satisfy demand.

PASSED IN THE STUDENT COUNCIL: March 23, 2022

VOTE TOTALS:

13 YES

0 NO

0 ABSTAIN