OFFICIAL RESOLUTION BY DARTMOUTH STUDENT GOVERNMENT ENACTING A CAMPUS-WIDE NO-CONFIDENCE VOTE ON PRESIDENT SIAN LEAH BEILOCK

Dartmouth Student Government hereby signs and endorses the following resolution:

WHEREAS Dartmouth Student Government’s Constitution states that our purpose is to “amplify student concerns and opinions; play an active role in shaping College policy; protect student rights and freedoms; promote and finance undergraduate activities; foster school unity and pride; and serve as a forum for the discussion and advancement of ideas”; and

WHEREAS on Monday, May 6, 2024, Dartmouth Student Government released a statement entitled “DSG Statement on May 1 Arrests” to all undergraduates stating that “Dartmouth Student Government denounces President Beilock and the administration’s decision that caused the arrest of ninety (90) students, faculty, and community members immediately following the erection of encampments at a peaceful protest hosted on the Green instead of pursuing additional negotiations, allowing student protesters more time to consider the administration’s proposal”; and

WHEREAS President Beilock could have withdrawn law enforcement up until the moment of the first arrest; and

WHEREAS Dartmouth Student Government believes that “arresting, prosecuting, and disciplining students in such a severe manner for peacefully protesting, spectating, and even reporting on the unfolding events sets a troubling precedent for student dissent”; and

WHEREAS Dartmouth Student Government aims to adhere to democratic processes in allowing student voices to be heard on issues of significance and promoting widespread civic engagement; and

WHEREAS holding a no-confidence referendum for undergraduate students would be in line with the actions taken by other institutions such as Ithaca College and Emory University;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Dartmouth Student Government enacts a campus-wide referendum where Dartmouth College undergraduate students can vote on whether or not they have no confidence in President Sian Leah Beilock’s leadership; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that enacting a no-confidence referendum on President Sian Beilock does not necessarily reflect Dartmouth Student Government or its leadership’s opinion on the matter; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the referendum voting period shall be held from Thursday, May 9, 2024 at noon until Wednesday, May 15, 2024 at noon; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that emails notifying students about the referendum and distributing the ballot link can be found here; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that as part of its neutrality and impartial stance, Dartmouth College and its offices will take no measures against any students deemed to be retaliatory for promoting, participating, or not participating in the referendum; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the results of the referendum be delivered to the public, to the President, Provost, Dean of the College, and other members of the College’s Senior Leadership, and to the Dartmouth College Board of Trustees; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Dartmouth College Board of Trustees is the ultimate decider of College leadership and that the results of this referendum are not binding and will serve as an advisory referendum and avenue for student input on this matter; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that resolution is ADOPTED, by a vote of 12 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, by Dartmouth Student Government.

Resolved,

Dartmouth Student Government