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# Sense of the Senate: Northeastern University and Subcontractor Neutrality

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# STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

A Sense of the Senate Urging a Position of Neutrality from Northeastern University and its Subcontractors.

**SS-SP-12-103**

**Whereas:** Northeastern University food services staff have been organizing to gain respect and dignity in their workplace and have called for a National Labor Relations Board regulated election in order to form a union; **AND**

**Whereas:** Intimidation and harassment of workers attempting to form unions is a common tactic used to keep employees from freely associating and organizing with their coworkers and other community members; **AND**

**Whereas:** Other colleges, including Georgetown University, Harvard Law School, Loyola University Chicago, and seven other colleges in the last year alone, have successfully taken steps to prevent intimidation and harassment of workers on their campuses; **AND**

**Whereas:** SS-SP-12-102, A Sense of the Senate Regarding the Proposal to Bring Chick-fil-A to the Curry Student Center as an On-Campus Vendor passed on February 27, 2012 states that "Northeastern University... should further review current on-campus vendors to ensure that they do not participate in any sort of actions that may harm or discriminate against community members or their values."; **AND**

**Whereas:** Any intimidation or harassment of members of our campus community violate the ideals of respect and community we as Huskies value.

**THEREFORE IT IS THE SENSE OF THE SENATE THAT:**

The Undergraduate Student Body denounces any intimidation or harassment of subcontracted or directly hired workers on our campus and supports a position of neutrality by Northeastern, Chartwells, and all its subcontractors.

**AND FURTHER THAT:**

The Undergraduate Student Body believes that Northeastern should unequivocally affirm workers' rights to freely organize and associate with coworkers, students, faculty, staff, and the entire Northeastern community without fear of threats, harassment, or intimidation by their employer.

**AND FURTHER THAT:**

The Northeastern University Office of the President should make a public statement affirming the Administration's commitment to remain neutral and hold Chartwells to an equal standard of neutrality.

**AND FURTHER THAT:**

Northeastern University should take full responsibility for holding Chartwells administrators and managers accountable to this position of neutrality.

*Respectfully submitted to the Senate,*

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Senator, Progressive Student Alliance

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