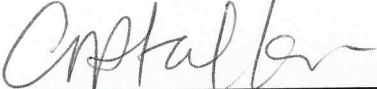
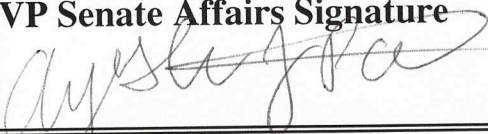


Single-Use Plastic Reduction Health and Environmental Bill		Date Introduced:	
1415-0013	Co-Sponsors: Roizin-Prior	Date of Voting:	
Prime Sponsor: Kelly		Final Vote:	Sens Present
Recommendation		Yea	Nay
President's Signature 		VP Senate Affairs Signature 	

Whereas, only approximately 8% of all plastic is recovered from recycling in the United States; and

Whereas, over 90 other universities, including the University of Vermont, Brown University, Seattle University, and Harvard University, already have banned the sale of single-use plastic water bottles; and

Whereas, over 200 Ithaca College students and 550 people world-wide have recently signed an online petition asking for single-use plastic water bottles to be banned from being distributed at Ithaca College; and

Whereas, Ithaca College admissions office already distributes 2,000 reusable water bottles to prospective students annually; and

Whereas, three times more water is used to produce a single-use plastic water bottle than it takes to fill the same bottle; and

Whereas, approximately 80% of all plastic water bottles are not recycled; and

Whereas, 17 million barrels of oil are used in the production of single-use plastic water bottles annually; and

Whereas, the use and burning of oil and other fossil fuels is contributing to made-made global climate change; and

Whereas, global climate change is causing issues that are costing the lives of humans and animals around the world; and

Whereas, the cost of bottled water is nearly 10,000 times the cost of tap water; and

Whereas, approximately three billion pounds of waste from plastic bottles are produced annually; and

Whereas, over 53 billion gallons of bottled water are consumed each year globally; and

Whereas, municipal water supplies are tested for bacteria such as E. coli, and are required to disinfect water, perform basic bacterial tests, and are required to produce quality reports on a regular basis, while bottled water is not subject to any of these regulations; and

Whereas, Ithaca College students are statistically much more at risk from drinking bottled water than they are from drinking municipal water; and

Whereas, Ithaca College students only have to buy eight single-use plastic bottles before buying a reusable bottle becomes more economical; and

Whereas, profits from single-use water bottles only comprises approximately less than 1% of the profits from the School Store and Mac's; and

Whereas, banning single-use plastics would promote the eco-friendliness of Ithaca College, and would be a beneficial step for the Sustainability Initiative that the college has instated; therefore it be

Resolved, that the Student Government Association (SGA) recommends, in the strongest possible terms, that single-use plastic water bottles be banned from being sold on campus and that single-use plastic water bottles be purchased with Ithaca College funds; and it be further

Resolved, that the SGA recommends that Ithaca College strive to distribute reusable, stainless-steel water bottles to all incoming Freshman for their personal use, in lieu of single-use bottles, starting in the Fall of 2015.