

317<sup>th</sup> Student Assembly,

Senate Bill 317-009

A Bill

To Determine the Reason that the College of William and Mary was Labeled a Potential Terrorist Breeding Ground in the 2009 Virginia Terrorism Threat Assessment Report

### **The Response to Accusations of Terrorism Act**

An Act of the 317<sup>th</sup> Student Assembly of the College of William and Mary,

Sponsored by the Policy Committee of the Student Assembly Senate

WHEREAS, the 2009 Virginia Terrorism Threat Assessment Report compiled by the Virginia Fusion Center, a division of the Virginia State Police, alleges that the College of William and Mary is a known location of anarchist extremism;

WHEREAS, the report alleges that the College of William and Mary is a potential terrorist breeding ground;

WHEREAS, these allegations are damaging to the reputation of the College;

WHEREAS, the operative definition of anarchist extremism is extremely vague, threatening to defame students and faculty who may “view the government as unnecessary;”

WHEREAS, the report's mention of the College will almost certainly cause a chilling effect on campus, undermining students' practice of their freedoms of speech and assembly, in so doing undermining the College's educational mission;

WHEREAS, all Virginia police departments were issued surveys by the Virginia Fusion Center, from which some of the threat assessment's information was drawn.

Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Student Assembly of the College of William and Mary-

1. Requests that William and Mary Police Chief Donald Challis release to the Student Assembly and local press all communications between the William and Mary Police Department and the Virginia Fusion Center regarding the 2009 Virginia Terrorism Threat Assessment Report.
2. Requests an official explanation to the William and Mary community from the William and Mary Police Department if it is revealed that communications to the Virginia Fusion Center allege the College to be a breeding ground for terrorism.