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SB34-10/11: MontPIRG Fee

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The Associated Students of the University of Montana
Resolution Regarding the MontPIRG Fee
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Senate Bill SB34-10/11
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Whereas 1040 students (approximately 8% eight percent of the student population) have signed a petition in support of the MontPIRG fee being placed on the spring ASUM ballot;

Whereas the ASUM bylaws require the signatures of 5% five percent (at least 656) of the full-time student population in support of a fee for that fee to be placed on the ballot;

Whereas the 1040 students signing the MontPIRG petition are requesting that specific ballot language be included in the April 2011 election;

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved that ASUM will place the question of a $5.00 refundable MontPIRG Fee on the ballot this spring for the 2011 election;

Therefore, Let It Be Further resolved that the ballot language will read as follows:

MontPIRG Fee

For thirty years, MontPIRG has trained the next generation of civic leaders by providing University of Montana students with meaningful ways to address important social problems. MontPIRG is a student directed, nonpartisan organization that works to protect consumers, promote good government, encourage clean energy development and ensure a clean and healthful environment for Montanans. By pooling their resources, U of M students hire professional staff that help provide skills, mentoring and guidance for students that become active citizens. This year students worked to protect the North Fork, make textbooks more affordable, raise money for local shelters, cap interest rates on predatory payday loans, and bring more renewable energy to our state.

Do you support the continuation of a MontPIRG chapter at The University of Montana funded by a $5 per student, per semester refundable fee? Any student not wanting to pay the fee can get a refund at any time.

Yes, I support the continuation of a $5 per semester, refundable fee for MontPIRG.
No, I do not support the continuation of a $5 per semester, refundable fee for MontPIRG.

Passed by Committee: _____________________________, 2011

Passed by ASUM Senate: _____________________________, 2011

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Travis Suzuki,                      Amanda Stovall,
Relations and Affairs Chair        Chair of the Senate