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## SB30-08/09: Russell's Supply

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1           The Associated Students of The University of Montana  
2                   Resolution Regarding Russell's Supply  
3                           December 3, 2008  
4                           SB 08/09 Bill Number 30  
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7   Whereas, the last three ASUM's have spoken out in support of  
8   worker rights at Grizgear factories throughout the world;  
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10   Whereas, UM's vendor code of conduct also expresses a desire for  
11   workers producing UM apparel to be treated fairly; Whereas,  
12   Russell Corporation recently announced the closure of its  
13   Choloma-based factory, Jerzees de Honduras, which produces UM  
14   apparel;  
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16   Whereas, there is strong evidence that the closure is motivated  
17   by anti-union sentiment;  
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19   Whereas, the closure is devastating for the 1,800 factory  
20   workers and their families;  
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22   Whereas, it further sends the message throughout both Russell's  
23   supply chain and the rest of the university logo apparel sector  
24   in Honduras that workers' attempts to strive for better  
25   conditions are more than just futile; they are dangerously  
26   counterproductive;  
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28   Therefore Let it Be Resolved that ASUM encourages the Office of  
29   the President of the University of Montana to place pressure, up  
30   to and including the loss of UM business, upon Russell  
31   Corporation until it agrees to re-open the factory at full  
32   capacity and fully reinstate all union and non-union employees.  
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