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SB66-13/14: Student Fee Presentation

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Resolution Regarding Student Fee Presentation  
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Whereas, all University of Montana (UM) students are asked to make the choice on whether or not to pay the opt-out Montana Public Interest Research Group (MontPIRG) fee on their registration bills each semester;  

Whereas, students may not know what these funds are used for, and as such are making decisions based on insufficient information;  

Whereas, giving students information about what the fee will be used for when they are paying their bill would allow them to more easily make informed decisions and increase transparency;  

Whereas, due to the fact that the MontPIRG fee is one of the only opt-out fees, it makes sense to provide more easily accessible information about its use;  

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, the Associated Students of the University of Montana request that the following language be inserted directly on the registration bill under the MontPIRG fee:  

The Montana Public Interest Research Group (MontPIRG) is a student directed and funded non-partisan organization dedicated to affecting tangible, positive change through educating and empowering the next generation of civic leaders. MontPIRG is a non-profit organization based at the University of Montana. For over thirty years, we have provided young people with opportunities to learn valuable citizenship skills through work on public policy.  

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