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Whereas, The University of Montana is affiliated with the Worker Rights Consortium (WRC), “an independent labor rights monitoring organization conducting investigations of working conditions in factories around the globe;”

Whereas, the Designated Suppliers Program (DSP) is “a comprehensive program for enhancing the enforcement of university codes of conduct;”

Whereas, the DSP provides for actions to be taken on behalf of the monitoring reports The University of Montana receives from the WRC concerning their factory conditions;

Whereas, the DSP requires universities to source apparel from factories that have been independently verified to supply their workers with a living wage and other essential workers rights;

Whereas, the DSP is to be implemented in phases so that factories The University of Montana sources from are able to make changes to meet the requirements within a six-month grace period;

Whereas, this is necessary absolute in order to ensure verify that The University of Montana’s apparel is not made under inhumane factory conditions.

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, that the Associated Students of The University of Montana support the endorsement of the Designated Suppliers Program.

Passed by Committee: September 8, 2008

Passed by Senate: September 10, 2008

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Andrew Dusek,                    Siri Smillie,
Relations and Affairs Chair      Chair of the Senate
The Associated Students of The University of Montana
Resolution Supporting MontPIRG’s Affiliation with USPIRG
September 10th, 2008
Senate Bill Number SB7-08/09
Authored by: ASUM Senator Lucas Hamilton
Sponsored by: ASUM Senator Matt Fennell, ASUM Vice President Siri Smillie

Whereas, the Montana Public Interest Research Group (MontPIRG) is the largest private, student-led non-profit in Montana;

Whereas, MontPIRG provides opportunities for students in leadership training, grassroots organizing, nonprofit management, and political involvement, unlike any other organization at The University of Montana;

Whereas, MontPIRG is known across the state as an important, student-led lobby for public interest issues in the legislature;

Whereas, MontPIRG’s affiliation with the Unites States Public Interest Research Group (USPIRG) will ensure continued organizational stability;

Whereas, MontPIRG’s association with USPIRG will provide students with the opportunity for advancement and employment with the national public advocacy movement.

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved that the Associated Students of The University of Montana support MontPIRG’s affiliation with USPIRG.

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Committee Chair  
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Senator Andrew Dusek  
Siri Smillie