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UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO
STUDENT UNION

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A BILL

BILL HISTORY

WHEREAS: Our generation is faced with serious environmental problems such as global warming, ozone depletion, and toxic leachate pollution which will alter our comfortable lifestyles;

WHEREAS: The current policies for providing our nation with energy are production based, involving extractive and exploitative processes which are continuing to ruin the planet;

WHEREAS: The current energy policies contradict the steps which UCSU has taken on the CU campus to combat environmental degradation;

WHEREAS: There are alternative methods of providing us with sources of power which will not damage environmental systems or pollute our land, air, and water, such as solar energy, wind energy and conservation;

WHEREAS: The UCSU Environmental Center and CU Recycling have prepared a report of methods to enhance energy conservation on campus;

WHEREAS: The Environmental Center and CU Recycling energy policy involves

-more extensive placement of efficient lighting in the form of compact fluorescents,

-more efficient heating and cooling mainly by Facilities Management's construction of the current proposed co-generation plant,

-water conservation on campus primarily through the implementation of new technologies in showerhead, faucet and total design,

-the establishment of building standards to construct more energy efficient buildings,

-continued administrative cooperation with recycling services on campus,

-the adoption of the Environmental Center's new transportation policy,

as steps to advance energy conservation on campus so that the University of Colorado can rely on sustainable energy consumption rather than exploitative methods;

WHEREAS: The adoption of these steps towards energy efficiency will establish the University of Colorado as a model for sustainable institutions which other universities can follow.

BE IT ENACTED by the Legislative Council of the University of Colorado Student Union, THAT:

SECTION 1: UCSU endorses a letter to the President of the University of Colorado, the Chancellor, and the administration at Facilities Management which commends the energy policy written by the Environmental Center and CU Recycling, and encourages the University of Colorado to undertake the proposed actions.

SECTION 2: UCSU endorses a letter to the Colorado Members of the United States' Congress and President Bush stating that our campus has begun to establish an energy policy which involves sustainable energy consumption in reaction to the national policies of exploitive energy consumption, and that the students of the University of Colorado would like to see national energy policies reform to more sustainable methods.

A statement such as this will complement a movement among American universities which is calling for a reform of the energy policy, and the likelihood of a policy change will be increased.