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A RESOLUTION

TO SHOW STUDENT SUPPORT FOR LSU A&M TO SIGN ON TO THE WORKER'S RIGHTS CONSORTIUM (WRC), AND TO STATE ITS DISAPPROVAL OF CONTRACTORS WHICH DISREGARD WORKERS', WOMEN'S, CHILDREN'S, AND HUMAN RIGHTS.

PARAGRAPH 1: WHEREAS, LSU A&M EARNS OVER \$400,000 ANNUALLY FOR THE LICENSING OF ITS LOGO ON APPAREL AND OTHER PRODUCTS, AND

PARAGRAPH 2: WHEREAS, IT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF LSU A&M TO PURCHASE PRODUCTS FROM RESPONSIBLE AND ETHICAL CONTRACTORS THAT PROVIDE QUALITY PRODUCTS AT A COMPETITIVE PRICE, AND

PARAGRAPH 3: WHEREAS, LSU A&M IS A MEMBER OF THE COLLEGIATE LICENSING COMPANY (CLC), AND THE CLC'S CODE OF CONDUCT IS MEANT TO ACHIEVE THE ENDS DETAILED IN PARAGRAPH TWO, AND

PARAGRAPH 4: WHEREAS, THE CLC CODE DOES NOT SET A MINIMUM OR MAXIMUM WORKWEEK, DOES NOT REQUIRE PAYMENT OF A LIVING WAGE, DOES NOT REQUIRE JUST OVERTIME COMPENSATION, IS LAX IN DEFENDING WORKERS RIGHTS TO ORGANIZE INDEPENDENT LABOR UNIONS, DOES NOT TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION SPECIFIC ABUSES OF WOMEN'S RIGHTS, AND

PARAGRAPH 5: WHEREAS, THE CLC CODE HAS A WEAK ENFORCEMENT RECORD REGARDING THE ISSUES DETAILED IN PARAGRAPH FOUR, AND IS FUNDED BY THE SAME CORPORATIONS IT IS MEANT TO REGULATE, AND

PARAGRAPH 6: WHEREAS, THE FAIR LABOR ASSOCIATION (FLA), WHILE AN ALTERNATIVE TO THE CLC, SHARES MANY OF ITS FLAWS AND IS NOT ACCEPTABLE OR EFFECTIVE AS A LABOR MONITORING AGENCY FOR LSU A&M, AND

PARAGRAPH 7: WHEREAS, THE WORKER'S RIGHTS CONSORTIUM (WRC) IS AN ALTERNATIVE TO GOVERNMENT AND CORPORATE SPONSORED MONITORING, WHICH HAS A CODE OF CONDUCT THAT TRULY DEFENDS WORKERS', WOMEN'S, AND CHILDREN'S RIGHTS, AND HAS A RECORD OF UNCOVERING ABUSES, ACTING TO IMPROVE SWEATSHOP CONDITIONS WORLDWIDE.

PARAGRAPH 8: THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE LSU A&M STUDENT SENATE ENCOURAGES THE UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATION TO MAKE A FIRM COMMITMENT TO WORKERS', WOMEN'S, AND CHILDREN'S RIGHTS, AND SIGN ON TO THE WRC TO ENSURE THAT BETTER LABOR CONDITIONS PREVAIL FOR THE WORKERS WHO MANUFACTURE LICENSED LSU A&M PRODUCTS AND APPAREL.

APPROVED

JEREMY GRIGGS- SPEAKER

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