

The Associated Students
Of
New Mexico State University

SENATE RULES COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
RESOLUTION #16

The attached legislation has been properly approved by the members of the Sixty First Senate of the Associated Students of New Mexico State University in accordance with ASNMSU Law.

Bethany Mendoza

Bethany Mendoza, ASNMSU Chief Senate Clerk

11/19/2017

Date

Emerson J. Morrow

Emerson Morrow, ASNMSU Vice President

11.21.2017

Date

SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS
OF NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY

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SIXTY-FIRST SENATE

2017-2018

Introduced by: Forbes, Valenzuela, Jones, Castillo-Dobson, McCarty Date: 10/31/2017

Referred to: Rules, Community Affairs, Finance Date: 11/02/2017

Senate Action: FAVORABLE RECOMMENDATION Date: 11/16/2017

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A RESOLUTION

1 CONCERNING THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY.

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3 WHEREAS the Associated Students of New Mexico State University (ASNMSU) is the student government of New Mexico
4 State University (NMSU); and

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6 WHEREAS ASNMSU is responsible for advocating for issues and causes deemed important by the students of NMSU; and

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8 WHEREAS the maintenance of the budget of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is an issue that is important
9 and salient to many students at NMSU, as evidenced by the compilation of signatures on the attached petition advocating for
10 the protection of the EPA's budget; and

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12 WHEREAS the EPA serves to protect human health and the environment, with environmental protection contributing to
13 making our communities, universities, and ecosystems livable, clean, diverse, sustainable, and productive; and

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15 WHEREAS the White House has proposed budget cuts to the EPA exceeding \$2.6 billion for Fiscal Year 2018, a figure
16 equal to approximately one-third (1/3) of the agency's budget, with Title II of the U.S. House of Representatives Resolution
17 3354 proposing budget cuts to the EPA of approximately \$528 million, which is still a substantial sum; and

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19 WHEREAS these proposed budget cuts would have a direct and immediate negative impact on the economy, environment
20 and human health locally, nationally and internationally, affecting many programs that protect our drinking water, air quality,
21 rivers, and our food supply as well as increase the likelihood of hazard waste clean-up; and

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23 WHEREAS according to the Office of the State Auditor of New Mexico, the EPA contributed \$21,564,542 to the State of
24 New Mexico which included funds going to the Clean Water State Revolving Funds, Water Pollution Control Program
25 support, Air Pollution Control Program support, Hazardous Waste Management State Program support, the Regional
26 Wetland Program Development Grant and many other programs; and

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28 WHEREAS students at NMSU take interest in this issue, recognize the negative environmental and economic effects that
29 such budget cuts to the EPA would have on our state and want to ensure that our federal government sufficiently prioritizes
30 appropriating funding for the agency responsible for protecting our natural surroundings; and

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32 WHEREAS the ASNMSU Senate recognizes the role of the Congress in setting the national budget and wishes to express the
33 opinion of the NMSU student body on this matter to our U.S. Senators.

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35 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Associated Students of New Mexico State University that we implore
36 the United States Senators from the state of New Mexico, the Honorable Thomas Udall and the Honorable Martin Heinrich,
37 to take a stand and vote against cuts to the Environmental Protection Agency's budget for Fiscal Year 2018.

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39BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the ASNMSU President, ASNMSU Vice President,
40the President Pro Tempore of the ASNMSU Senate, the Chancellor of New Mexico State University, the New Mexico State
41University Dean of Students, and to the Washington D.C. offices of New Mexico's U.S. Senators, The Honorable Tom Udall
42and The Honorable Martin Heinrich.