

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT  
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**A Statement of Position Regarding UConn's Climate Action Plan**

**WHEREAS**, anthropogenic climate change and other problems caused by irresponsible environmental practices are pressing and important issues in society and on campus;

**WHEREAS**, there is a worldwide movement to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by changing current consumption and production practices;

**WHEREAS**, there is a strong on-campus movement (by such groups as EcoHusky, PIRG, and EcoGarden) at the University of Connecticut focused around environmental issues;

**WHEREAS**, the University has committed to carbon neutrality by 2050 in accordance with the American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment (ACUPCC);

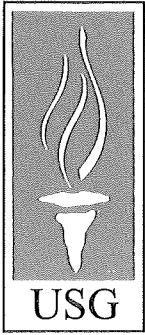
**WHEREAS**, lessening the University's carbon footprint will result in financial savings in the long-run;

**WHEREAS**, the University of Connecticut, as a large public university, has the ability to greatly impact local environmental conditions by improving its environmental practices;

**WHEREAS**, the University of Connecticut as Connecticut's flagship university, has the ability and expectation to set an example for other universities and colleges around the nation;

**WHEREAS**, the Climate Action Plan presents a clear, logical, and efficient way to reduce UConn's environmental footprint and fulfill the objectives of the ACUPCC;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Undergraduate Student Government of the University of Connecticut supports the "Go Green" initiatives established by the Climate Action Plan;



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**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that the Undergraduate Student Government of the University of Connecticut urges the appropriate university authorities to immediately implement, prioritize, and act upon the recommendations and objectives set forth in the Climate Action Plan.

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