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The Addition of Accessible Sustainable Clothing Options for
Penn State Students to Purchase on Campus and Online

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Whereas, the Council of Commonwealth Student Governments at Pennsylvania State University recognizes the University's commitment to sustainability and environmental stewardship as well as the importance of promoting sustainability and environmental consciousness within the university community.

Whereas, The fashion industry is responsible for 10% of humanity's carbon emissions, the depletion of water resources, the pollution of rivers and streams, and the disposal of 85% of all textiles in landfills annually (McKinsey & Company, 2016; UNECE, 2018).

Whereas, consumer trends for clothing purchases have increased by over 60% from 2000 to 2014, while keeping those clothes for less than half the time 15 years prior, is driving the need for sustainability in the fashion sector.

Whereas, sustainable clothing options are limited or not readily available for purchase by students on campus and online through university-affiliated outlets.

Whereas, the Penn State University community has a responsibility to promote sustainable practices in the fashion industry, as it is one of the largest contributors to environmental degradation. As per Penn State Sustainability, Penn State has a commitment to the institutionalization of sustainable practices across the commonwealth.

Whereas, the availability of sustainable clothing on campus and online would provide an opportunity for the Penn State community to actively participate in sustainable practices and align with Pennsylvania State University's values and strategic plan for sustainability.

Be it resolved, to support the Pennsylvania State University's efforts to maintain an equitable and sustainable environment for students across its campuses, The Council of Commonwealth Student Governments at Pennsylvania State University, strongly recommends:

1. The establishment of a partnership with sustainable clothing brands to offer products for purchase on campus and through the University's online platforms.
2. The introduction of a sustainable clothing line within the campus bookstore and other University-affiliated retailers, ensuring that these options are affordable and accessible to all students.
3. The exploration of opportunities to include sustainable clothing options in university merchandising, promoting the use of organic, recycled, and eco-friendly materials.
4. The commitment to transparency regarding the sourcing, production, and sale of sustainable clothing offered at Penn State. Provide students with the information necessary to make informed purchases, including details on materials, manufacturing processes, and environmental certifications.

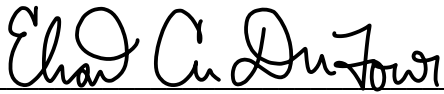
Respectfully, Conner Uter, Evan Grim (CCSG Associate Sustainability Director), John Bunting,
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Council Action

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Presidential Action

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