



## Regis University Student Government Association

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- 1 **Date:** 18 April 2011  
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3 **Resolution:** Sweatshop Free Policy  
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5 **Sponsor:** Dr. Tom Reynolds, Vice President of Mission  
6 Dave Law, Director of Student Activities  
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8 **Purpose:** To ensure that Regis University's clothing purchases are made responsibly.  
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10 **Whereas:** Most manufacturing companies have an ethical policy statement ensuring customers that all  
11 employees and subcontractors are paid according to local government guidelines.  
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13 **Whereas:** These guidelines do not necessarily guarantee that workers are promised a safe  
14 environment, free from coercion and harassment, or that they are paid a reasonable living  
15 wage.  
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17 **Whereas:** It is our responsibility as a Catholic Jesuit University to ensure the companies we do business  
18 with are morally sound.  
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20 **Whereas:** We recognize this choice is not the easy route but know that we have a moral responsibility  
21 both to acknowledge that human dignity is more valuable to our University than cheap  
22 apparel and to act accordingly by purchasing only from ethically responsible producers.  
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24 **Whereas:** We recognize the unavailability of sweatshop-free athletic apparel, but in order to promote  
25 greater awareness of this justice issue will work to allow athletes the opportunity to speak  
26 out against companies guilty of human rights abuses.  
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### 28 **THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED BY THE REGIS UNIVERSITY STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION THAT...**

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30 Regis University continually seeks to move toward a "100% sweatshop-free, ethically produced apparel"  
31 campus. Although this seems unattainable, we hope to implement steps to continually seek this goal. First,  
32 this calls for critical examination of our current spending habits. As a student organization, we would like to  
33 withdraw our spending from American Apparel as we feel this complacent "safe option" does not meet our  
34 stated goals of searching out more ethical, progressive spending of our university dollars. Second, we will  
35 create a selective directory of trusted, independently verified, ethically sound apparel providers with whom  
36 to do business. Third, we call for an extension of awareness into the athletic department with education and  
37 the opportunity for student athletes and staff to voice their distaste for current practices in athletic apparel  
38 production. Fourth, we call for extension of our policy to all university-wide departments. Lastly, we call for  
39 an extension of our policy to the bookstore and other external vendors. Our efforts are in the hope of  
40 creating a world where workers are guaranteed a "living wage" and rights concordant with their inherent  
41 value as human beings.  
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43 Respectfully Submitted,  
44 RUSGA Sweatshop Committee  
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