

Water Bottle Refill Capability Resolution Adopted May 2, 2011

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Whereas; Ball State University is a signatory of the American College & University Presidents Climate Commitment; and,

Whereas; the use of bottled water leads to the consumption of petrochemicals for the bottles which in turn, release CO₂ when incinerated, and,

Whereas; shipping bottled water is energy intensive, leading to transportation-related releases of CO₂; and,

Whereas; bottled water is not inherently safer for consumption than tap water; and,

Whereas; unpleasant tastes can be removed through the use of filters; and,

Whereas; faculty, students and staff on the Ball State University campus drinking filtered tap water from their personal, reusable water bottles would reduce the university's carbon footprint; and,

Whereas; use of water-bottle refill capability on the Ball State University campus would serve as a signal to everyone of the university's resolve to reduce its carbon footprint and set an example;

Now therefore be it resolved, that the Council on the Environment recommends that Ball State University install water bottle refill capability in all classroom and administrative buildings, athletic facilities, residence halls, and dining halls.