



Convention Resolution Submission

Title of Resolution

SOUTH DAKOTA GOP RECOGNIZES CO2 AS A BENEFICIAL ATMOSPHERIC GAS

Summary of Resolution

Carbon dioxide gas (CO2) has been maligned and labeled as a greenhouse gas pollutant to the point of spending millions of dollars to bury it; the intent of this resolution is for South Dakota Republican Party to show support of CO2 as an essential and beneficial gas within our environment as it helps to sustain life;

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Whereas, CO2 has been unjustly labeled as a pollutant and vilified in public discourse since 2007 when the Supreme Court ruled that the EPA could regulate carbon dioxide as an air pollutant and in 2009 when the EPA declared CO2 a dangerous pollutant;

Whereas, scientific research has shown that CO2 is essential for life on Earth, as it supports plant growth, which in turn sustains all living organisms; despite being only about 0.043% of our atmosphere, without CO2, life on earth would not exist as we know it;

Whereas, it has been shown that when CO2 levels are increased, plants grow faster, use water more efficiently and become more resilient to drought;

Whereas, scientists and farmers alike recognize that higher CO2 levels improve agricultural productivity;

Whereas, research conducted by NASA show that increased CO2 levels have contributed to global "greening," expanding vegetation and enhancing the ecosystem;

Therefore Statements

The South Dakota Governor and Legislators are in a unique position to lead the conversation in promoting the benefits and usefulness of CO2 in everyday life for the state, nation and world; furthermore, it is highly recommended that the South Dakota State Government designate and promote CO2 as the official atmospheric gas of South Dakota for the reasons specified above.

Conclusion

The facts supporting this resolution would require many files and therefore the below links are included for easier look up and study.

<https://co2coalition.org/> <https://heartland.org/opinion/the-next-ice-age/>

Supporting Document(s)

Members Who Also Support This Resolution

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