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**RESOLUTION 98-6**

***Urging EPA and U.S. Congress to Refrain  
From Defining Carbon Dioxide as a Pollutant***

Introduced by the Electrical Industry Restructuring Committee

WHEREAS, carbon dioxide is one of the three basic ingredients of photosynthesis, of life itself; the others being water and sunlight; and

WHEREAS, carbon dioxide is the natural by-product of efficient oxidation of carbon and hydrocarbons; and

WHEREAS, carbon dioxide is being constantly produced by all mammals in the normal course of their existence; and

WHEREAS, without carbon dioxide, life on this planet cannot exist;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CSG-WEST (Council of State Governments-WEST, Serving Western Legislatures) urges the Environmental Protection Agency to designate carbon dioxide as a natural and normal component integral to the cycle of life and not as a pollutant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that CSG-WEST urges U. S. Congress to statutorily forbid the defining of carbon dioxide as a pollutant.

***ADOPTED BY THE CSG-WEST EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ON SEPTEMBER 22, 1998  
ASSEMBLED IN ANNUAL MEETING IN ANCHORAGE, ALASKA.***