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**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To urge Congress to take certain actions regarding 1  
the United States Environmental Protection 2  
Agency's proposed regulations on air quality and 3  
greenhouse gas emissions. 4

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE  
OF OHIO (THE SENATE CONCURRING):**

WHEREAS, The United States is recovering from the largest 5  
recession since the Great Depression. The U.S. government must do 6  
all that it can to promote economic recovery and foster a stable 7  
and predictable business environment that will lead to the 8  
creation of jobs; and 9

WHEREAS, This economic recovery is threatened by regulations 10  
on air quality and greenhouse gas emissions proposed by the United 11  
States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). These proposed 12  
regulations threaten to harm the U.S. economy, job growth, and 13  
competitiveness in the global economy; and 14

WHEREAS, The proposed regulations are known as the "train 15  
wreck" because of the numerous and overlapping requirements and 16  
the potentially devastating consequences of these regulations on 17

the U.S. economy. The proposed regulations are in addition to the 18  
other burdensome regulations that are driving jobs and industry 19  
out of the country; and 20

WHEREAS, Neither the USEPA nor the Administration of 21  
President Barack Obama has undertaken a comprehensive analysis of 22  
how the proposed regulations would affect the U.S. economy. The 23  
USEPA also has not analyzed what the environmental benefits of its 24  
proposed greenhouse regulations would be in terms of impacting the 25  
global climate; and 26

WHEREAS, Though the proposed regulations are intended to 27  
improve public health, the public health and welfare actually will 28  
be negatively impacted if the proposed regulations take effect. 29  
The public health and welfare will suffer without significant job 30  
creation and economic improvement because people with good jobs 31  
are better able to take care of themselves and their families than 32  
those who are unemployed and because environmental improvement is 33  
only possible in a society that generates wealth; now therefore be 34  
it 35

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 129th General Assembly 36  
of the State of Ohio, while supporting efforts to improve our 37  
country's air quality, urge the Congress of the United States to 38  
enact legislation prohibiting the United States Environmental 39  
Protection Agency from regulating greenhouse gas emissions by any 40  
means necessary, including defunding the USEPA's greenhouse gas 41  
emission regulatory activities; and be it further 42

RESOLVED, That we urge the Congress of the United States to 43  
enact legislation imposing a moratorium on the promulgation of any 44  
new air quality regulations, except those that directly address an 45  
imminent health or environmental emergency, by any means necessary 46  
for two years, including defunding the USEPA's air quality 47  
regulatory activities; and be it further 48

RESOLVED, That we urge the Congress of the United States to 49  
require the Administration of President Barack Obama to study and 50  
make a report to Congress that identifies all regulatory 51  
activities that the USEPA intends to undertake in furtherance of 52  
its goal of "taking action on climate change and improving air 53  
quality" and specifies the cumulative effect of all those 54  
identified regulatory activities on the U.S. economy, job 55  
creation, and economic competitiveness. The study also should 56  
include any other federal agencies and departments that have 57  
expertise in and responsibility for the economy and the generation 58  
of electricity and its transmission through the electrical grid. 59  
The study also should provide an objective cost-benefit analysis 60  
of all of the USEPA's current and planned regulations; and be it 61  
further 62

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 63  
transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the 64  
President of the United States, to the Administrator of the United 65  
States Environmental Protection Agency, to the Speaker and Clerk 66  
of the United States House of Representatives, to the President 67  
Pro Tempore and Secretary of the United States Senate, to the 68  
members of the Ohio Congressional delegation, and to the news 69  
media of Ohio. 70