

House Resolution No. 6008

By Committee on Energy and Utilities

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1 A RESOLUTION opposing the Environmental Protection Agency's
2 regulatory train wreck.

3 WHEREAS, The United States Environmental Protection Agency
4 (EPA) has proposed or is proposing numerous new regulations,
5 particularly in the area of air quality and regulation of greenhouse gases,
6 that are likely to have major effects on the economy, jobs and the
7 competitiveness of the United States in worldwide markets; and

8 WHEREAS, The EPA's regulatory activity concerning air quality and
9 greenhouse gases has become known as the "train wreck," because of the
10 numerous and overlapping requirements and because of the potentially
11 devastating consequences this regulatory activity may have on the
12 economy; and

13 WHEREAS, Concern is growing that, with cap-and-trade legislation
14 having failed in Congress, the EPA is attempting to obtain the same
15 results through the adoption of regulations; and

16 WHEREAS, Over-regulation by the EPA is driving jobs and industry
17 out of the United States; and

18 WHEREAS, Neither the EPA nor the Administration has undertaken
19 any comprehensive study of what the cumulative effect of all of this new
20 regulatory activity will have on the economy, jobs and competitiveness;
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22 WHEREAS, The EPA has not performed any comprehensive study of
23 what the environmental benefits of its greenhouse regulation will be in
24 terms of impacts on global climate; and

25 WHEREAS, State agencies are routinely required to identify the costs
26 of their regulations and to justify those costs in light of the benefits; and

27 WHEREAS, Since the EPA has identified "taking action on climate
28 change and improving air quality" as its first strategic goal for the 2011 to
29 2015 time period, the EPA should be required to identify the specific
30 actions it intends to take to achieve these goals and to assess the total cost
31 of all these actions together; and

32 WHEREAS, The legislature supports continuing improvements in the
33 quality of the nation's air and believes that such improvements can be
34 made in a sensible fashion without damaging the economy as long as
35 there is a full understanding of the cost of the regulations at issue; and

36 WHEREAS, The primary goal of government at the present time must

1 be to promote economic recovery and to foster a stable and predictable
2 business environment that will lead to the creation of jobs; and

3 WHEREAS, Public health and welfare will suffer without significant
4 new job creation and economic improvement, because people with good
5 jobs are better able to take care of themselves and their families than the
6 unemployed and because environmental improvement is only possible in
7 a society that generates wealth; Now, therefore,

8 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas:
9 That we urge Congress to adopt legislation prohibiting the EPA, by any
10 means necessary, from regulating greenhouse gas emissions, including
11 defunding EPA greenhouse gas regulatory activities; *and*

12 *Be it further resolved:* That we urge Congress to impose a
13 moratorium on promulgation of any new air quality regulation by the EPA
14 by any means necessary, except to directly address an imminent health or
15 environmental emergency, for a period of at least two years, including
16 defunding EPA air quality regulatory activities; and

17 *Be it further resolved:* That we urge Congress to require the
18 Administration to undertake a study identifying all regulatory activity that
19 the EPA intends to undertake in furtherance of its goal of "taking action
20 on climate change and improving air quality" and specifying the
21 cumulative effect of all of these regulations on the economy, jobs and
22 American economic competitiveness. This study should be a multi-
23 agency study drawing on the expertise both of the EPA and of agencies
24 and departments having expertise in, and responsibility for, the economy
25 and the electric system and should provide an objective cost-benefit
26 analysis of all of the EPA's current and planned regulations together; and

27 *Be it further resolved:* That the Chief Clerk of the House of
28 Representatives shall be directed to provide enrolled copies of this
29 resolution to the EPA, the President of the United States, the Kansas
30 Congressional Delegation, the Speaker of the United States House of
31 Representatives, the Minority Leader of the United States House of
32 Representatives, the Majority Leader of the United States Senate and the
33 Minority Leader of the United States Senate.

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