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House Resolution No. 6008

By Committee on Energy and Utilities

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

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

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

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

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

19 WHEREAS, Neither the EPA nor the Administration has undertaken any
20 comprehensive study of what the cumulative effect of all of this new
21 regulatory activity will have on the economy, jobs and competitiveness;
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23 WHEREAS, The EPA has not performed any comprehensive study of
24 what the environmental benefits of its ~~greenhouse~~ regulation of
25 **greenhouse gas emissions** will be in terms of impacts on global climate;
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27 WHEREAS, State agencies are routinely required to identify the costs
28 of their regulations and to justify those costs in light of the benefits; and

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

34 WHEREAS, The legislature supports continuing improvements in the

1 quality of the nation's air and believes that such improvements can be
2 made in a sensible fashion without damaging the economy as long as there
3 is a full understanding of the cost of the regulations at issue; and

4 WHEREAS, The primary goal of government at the present time must
5 be to promote economic recovery and to foster a stable and predictable
6 business environment that will lead to the creation of jobs; and

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

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

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

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

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35 *Be it further resolved:* That the Chief Clerk of the House of
36 Representatives shall be directed to provide enrolled copies of this
37 resolution to the EPA, the President of the United States, the Kansas
38 Congressional Delegation, the Speaker of the United States House of
39 Representatives, the Minority Leader of the United States House of
40 Representatives, the Majority Leader of the United States Senate and the
41 Minority Leader of the United States Senate.