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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, Energy policy and regulation are vital to  
3 Illinois' economy and have a direct impact on Illinois  
4 families, businesses, farmers, and employees; and

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

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

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

20           WHEREAS, Neither the EPA nor the present Presidential  
21 administration has undertaken any comprehensive study of what

1 the cumulative effect of all of this new regulatory activity  
2 will have on the economy, jobs, and competitiveness; moreover,  
3 the EPA has not performed any comprehensive study of what the  
4 environmental benefits of its greenhouse regulation will be in  
5 terms of impacts on global climate; and

6 WHEREAS, Illinois State agencies are routinely required to  
7 identify the costs of their regulations and to justify those  
8 costs in light of the benefits; and

9 WHEREAS, The Illinois House of Representatives supports  
10 continuing improvements in the quality of the nation's air and  
11 believes that such improvements can be made in a sensible  
12 fashion without damaging the economy so long as there is a full  
13 understanding of the cost of the regulations at issue; and

14 WHEREAS, The primary goal of government at the present time  
15 must be to promote economic recovery and to foster a stable and  
16 predictable business environment that will lead to the creation  
17 of jobs; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
19 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
20 we urge Congress to adopt legislation prohibiting the EPA, by  
21 any means necessary, from regulating greenhouse gas emissions,  
22 including if necessary defunding the EPA greenhouse gas

1 regulatory activities; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That we also urge Congress to impose a moratorium  
3 on the promulgation of any new air quality regulations by the  
4 EPA, except to directly address an imminent health or  
5 environmental emergency, for a period of at least two years;  
6 and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That Congress require the Administration to  
8 undertake a comprehensive study identifying all regulatory  
9 activity that the EPA intends to undertake in furtherance of  
10 its goal of "taking action on climate change and improving air  
11 quality" and specifying the cumulative effect of all of these  
12 regulations on the economy, jobs, and American economic  
13 competitiveness; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be sent  
15 to President Barack Obama, the President pro tempore of the  
16 United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of  
17 Representatives, the Administrator of the Environmental  
18 Protection Agency, and each member of the Illinois  
19 congressional delegation.