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SENATE 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 Senate supports continuing
10 improvements in the quality of the nation's air and believes
11 that such improvements can be made in a sensible fashion
12 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 SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL
19 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge Congress to
20 adopt legislation prohibiting the EPA, by any means necessary,
21 from regulating greenhouse gas emissions, including if
22 necessary defunding the EPA greenhouse gas regulatory

1 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.