

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 52nd Legislature (2009)

3 HOUSE CONCURRENT
4 RESOLUTION 1035

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Concurrent Resolution opposing the implementation
8 of a cap-and-trade system on greenhouse gas
9 emissions; and directing distribution.

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11 WHEREAS, cap-and-trade or emission trading is an administrative
12 approach used to control pollution by providing economic incentives
13 for achieving reduction in the emissions of pollutants; and

14 WHEREAS, President Obama has proposed implementing an economy-
15 wide cap-and-trade program to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by
16 eighty percent (80%) by the year 2050; and

17 WHEREAS, on March 31, 2009, Congressmen Henry A. Waxman and
18 Edward J. Markey released a draft of the American Clean Energy and
19 Security Act of 2009 which includes language implementing a cap-and-
20 trade system; and

21 WHEREAS, the cap-and-trade plans being proposed would impose
22 controls on emissions of greenhouse gases by entities that emit the
23 gases, including the power industry and manufacturing industry,
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1 which would mean that the additional costs would likely be passed on
2 to the consumer of the energy product being produced; and

3 WHEREAS, implementing a national cap-and-trade system will in
4 effect impose an additional tax on every sector of the economy that
5 directly emits a capped emission, including the industrial sector,
6 electricity generation sector, transportation sector, and
7 residential and commercial sectors; and

8 WHEREAS, the cap-and-trade proposals not only burden every
9 American with a huge new energy tax, but will inevitability lead to
10 the loss of jobs due to the forced carbon mandates on every sector
11 of the economy; and

12 WHEREAS, proposed amendments to the Clean Air Act included in
13 the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009 would authorize a
14 person to sue who has suffered or expects to suffer harm
15 attributable to a failure to cap emissions which could lead to an
16 explosion of climate-related litigation that may cause many energy
17 producers not to be able to stay in business; and

18 WHEREAS, the cap-and-trade proposals create a host of new
19 federal mandates leading to excessive regulation and more government
20 intrusion into every industry that emits greenhouse gases.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
22 OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 52ND OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE
23 CONCURRING THEREIN:

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1 THAT the Oklahoma Legislature opposes the implementation of a
2 cap-and-trade system on greenhouse gas emissions as proposed by the
3 President of the United States and as proposed in the draft of the
4 American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009, and urges Congress
5 not to enact this or similar legislation that may be proposed in the
6 future.

7 THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to the President
8 of the United States, President Pro Tempore of the United States
9 Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives,
10 and the Oklahoma Congressional Delegation.

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