

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE CONCURRENT  
4 RESOLUTION 13

By: Bingman of the Senate

and

5 Trebilcock of the House  
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8 AS INTRODUCED

9 A Concurrent Resolution calling on the United States  
10 Congress to prohibit certain regulatory actions  
11 relating to greenhouse gases and air quality  
12 requirements by the United States Environmental  
13 Protection Agency and requesting certain study; and  
14 directing distribution.

15 WHEREAS, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)  
16 has proposed or is proposing numerous new regulations, particularly  
17 in the area of air quality and regulation of greenhouse gases, that  
18 are likely to have serious negative effects on the economy, jobs and  
19 U.S. competitiveness in worldwide markets; and

20 WHEREAS, the EPA's regulatory actions specifically relating to  
21 air quality and greenhouse gases have become known as the "train  
22 wreck," because of numerous and overlapping requirements and the  
23 potentially devastating consequences such regulatory actions may  
24 have on the economy; and

1       WHEREAS, concern is growing that, with cap-and-trade legislation  
2 having failed in Congress, the EPA is attempting to obtain the same  
3 results through the adoption of regulations; and

4       WHEREAS, neither the EPA nor the Administration has undertaken  
5 any comprehensive study of what the cumulative effect of all of this  
6 new regulatory activity will have on the economy, jobs and American  
7 economic competitiveness; and

8       WHEREAS, the EPA has not performed any comprehensive study of  
9 the environmental benefits of its greenhouse regulation in terms of  
10 impacts on global climate; and

11       WHEREAS, state agencies are routinely required to identify the  
12 costs of their regulations and to justify those costs in light of  
13 the benefits; and

14       WHEREAS, since the EPA has identified "taking action on climate  
15 change and improving air quality" as its first strategic goal for  
16 the 2011-15 time period, the EPA should be required to identify the  
17 specific actions it intends to take to achieve these goals and to  
18 assess the total cost of all these actions; and

19       WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Legislature supports continuing  
20 improvements in the quality of the nation's air and believes that  
21 that such improvements can be made in a sensible fashion without  
22 damaging the economy so long as there is a full understanding of the  
23 cost of the regulations at issue; and

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1       WHEREAS, the primary goal of government at the present time must  
2 be to promote economic recovery and to foster a stable and  
3 predictable business environment that will lead to the creation of  
4 jobs.

5       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION  
6 OF THE 53RD OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
7 CONCURRING THEREIN:

8       THAT the Oklahoma Legislature calls on the United States  
9 Congress to:

10       1. Adopt legislation prohibiting the EPA, by any means  
11 necessary, from regulating greenhouse gas emissions, including  
12 defunding EPA greenhouse gas regulatory activities, if necessary;

13       2. Impose a moratorium on promulgation of any new air quality  
14 regulation by the EPA except to directly address an imminent health  
15 or environmental emergency, for a period of at least two years,  
16 including defunding EPA air quality regulatory activities, if  
17 necessary; and

18       3. Require the Administration to undertake a study identifying  
19 all regulatory activity that the EPA intends to undertake in  
20 furtherance of its goal of "taking action on climate change and  
21 improving air quality" and specifying the cumulative effect of all  
22 of these regulations on the economy, jobs, and American economic  
23 competitiveness. This study should be a multi-agency study drawing  
24 on the expertise of the EPA and of agencies and departments having

1 expertise in and responsibility for the economy and the national  
2 electric generation system and the study should provide an objective  
3 cost-benefit analysis of all of the EPA's current and planned  
4 regulatory actions.

5 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the members of  
6 the Oklahoma congressional delegation, Lisa P. Jackson,  
7 Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency  
8 and Governor Mary Fallin.

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