

House Concurrent Resolution No. 32

95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Whereas, proposed legislation in the United States Congress to implement a
2 mandatory cap and trade emissions trading system would establish a cap on greenhouse gas
3 emissions, requiring those who emit greenhouse gases to purchase government credits to offset
4 emissions, and allow those emitters to trade or sell those credits; and
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Whereas, the State of Missouri produces more than 80% of its electricity from the
6 combustion of coal. Thus, the cap and trade program will result in massive increases in energy
7 costs for business, farms, and residential consumers because the increased cost to produce
8 electricity from coal will be markedly higher; and
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Whereas, as a result of the cap and trade program, there will also be a dramatic
11 increase in the price of gasoline and heating oil, which will have a disproportionate impact on
12 seniors and working families, family farms, and small business; and
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Whereas, President Barack Obama has said, "Under my plan of cap and trade
15 system, electricity rates would necessarily skyrocket.". Businesses required to participate in the
16 cap and trade program will ultimately pass the cost of participation in the program on to Missouri
17 working families, family farms, and businesses; and
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Whereas, these increases in energy costs will effectively act as a regressive energy
20 tax affecting seniors, working families, family farms, and small business; and
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23 **Whereas**, Missouri enjoys a relatively low cost of energy. The proposed plan will
24 make Missouri less attractive to businesses and damage Missouri's ability to attract and retain
25 jobs in manufacturing and other important sectors of the economy, especially agriculture.
26 Missouri needs to position itself as a state that is welcoming to economic development and does
27 not act in a way that is detrimental to job creation and retention; and
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29 **Whereas**, the cap and trade program as proposed will result not only in a massive
30 transfer of wealth to the federal government through the sale of emissions credits, but also in the
31 loss of a substantial number of jobs. Missouri will experience job loss and the flight of
32 businesses out of the state, resulting in a decrease in state revenue which will exacerbate an
33 already serious budget situation; and
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35 **Whereas**, the cap and trade program will not result in the overall global decrease
36 of greenhouse gas emissions because those industries that emit greenhouse gases, if they are able
37 to do so, will relocate to countries with less stringent standards and continue to operate, taking
38 those jobs with them; and
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40 **Whereas**, a cap and trade program has been in place since 2005 in the European
41 Union resulting in carbon emission levels rising more quickly than the United States, calling into
42 question the efficacy of such a program; and
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44 **Whereas**, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report has
45 recently been fundamentally and profoundly called into question by the exposure of fraudulent
46 analysis and conclusions. The fraud is in large part the basis of "climate change" concerns,
47 declarations, and proposals, including cap and trade. The nature of the fraud is the deliberate
48 concealment and manipulation of scientific data that did not support IPCC conclusions or
49 recommendations:
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51 **Now, therefore, be it resolved** that the members of the House of
52 Representatives of the Ninety-fifth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate
53 concurring therein, hereby urge the United States Congress and the Missouri Congressional
54 delegation to refuse to enact cap and trade legislation that would negatively impact Missourians
55 by increasing the costs of goods and services; and
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57 **Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of
58 Representatives be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for the
59 Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore and

60 Secretary of the United States Senate, and the members of the Missouri Congressional
61 delegation.
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