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By: **Delegate Franchot**

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

1 A House Joint Resolution concerning

2 **Clean Air Act**

3 FOR the purpose of urging the United States Congress to reject legislation that would
4 weaken the Clean Air Act; directing that copies of this resolution be forwarded to
5 certain persons; and generally relating to the Clean Air Act.

6 WHEREAS, The Honorable George W. Bush, President of the United States, is
7 anticipated to support legislation that will weaken the Clean Air Act and allow
8 coal-burning power plants to bypass antipollution laws and regulations; and

9 WHEREAS, The State has shown dedication and commitment to enforcing the
10 provisions of the Clean Air Act in order to improve the air quality of the State; and

11 WHEREAS, The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the State of Maryland,
12 and several other eastern states filed suit against dozens of power plants located in
13 the Midwest for failing to install tighter pollution controls as required by current law;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, Weakening the Clean Air Act will have a detrimental affect on air
16 quality and the environment of the State; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the United
18 States Congress is urged to reject any legislation that will weaken the current
19 provisions of the Clean Air Act and encouraged to continue to support legislation that
20 will strengthen existing laws affecting air quality; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of
22 Legislative Services to the Maryland Congressional Delegation: Senators Paul S.
23 Sarbanes and Barbara A. Mikulski, Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510;
24 and Representatives Wayne T. Gilchrest, Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Benjamin L. Cardin,
25 Albert R. Wynn, Steny Hamilton Hoyer, Roscoe G. Bartlett, Elijah E. Cummings, and
26 Constance A. Morella, House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515; and be it
27 further

28 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of
29 Legislative Services to the Honorable George W. Bush, President of the United States;
30 the Honorable Richard Cheney, Vice President of the United States; and the

1 Honorable J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker of the United States House of Representatives;
2 and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of
4 Legislative Services to the Honorable Parris N. Glendening, Governor of Maryland;
5 the Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate of Maryland; and
6 the Honorable Casper R. Taylor, Jr., Speaker of the House of Delegates.