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1 A House Joint Resolution concerning

2 **Climate Change**

3 FOR the purpose of urging the United States Environmental Protection Agency to
4 immediately halt its carbon dioxide reduction policies and programs and to
5 withdraw its endangerment finding and related regulations until a full and
6 independent investigation of the climate change conspiracy and science can be
7 undertaken; and generally relating to federal action on climate change.

8 WHEREAS, Cap and trade legislation currently before the United States
9 Congress, together with potential state actions to reduce carbon dioxide, would result
10 in significantly higher energy costs for American consumers, businesses, and
11 industries; and

12 WHEREAS, The United States Environmental Protection Agency's recent
13 endangerment finding and proposed action to regulate carbon dioxide under the Clean
14 Air Act is based on flawed climate data and would place significant regulatory and
15 financial burdens on all sectors of the nation's economy at a time when the nation's
16 unemployment rate exceeds 10%; and

17 WHEREAS, Global temperatures have been level and declining in some areas
18 over the past 12 years; and

19 WHEREAS, The "hockey stick" climate change assertion has been discredited
20 and climate alarmists' climate change hypothesis is unable to account for the current
21 downturn in global temperatures; and

22 WHEREAS, Statistically, there is a more direct correlation between
23 temperature rises in the twentieth century and chlorofluorocarbons in the atmosphere
24 than the emission of carbon dioxide; and



1 WHEREAS, Outlawed and phased out in 1978, in the year 2000
2 chlorofluorocarbons began to decline at approximately the same time as global
3 temperatures began to decline; and

4 WHEREAS, E-mail and other communications between climate researchers
5 around the globe discovered as part of the recent “climate-gate” controversy indicate
6 that there is a well-organized and ongoing effort to manipulate global temperature
7 data and incorporate tricks to substantiate the theory of climate change; and

8 WHEREAS, There has been a concerted effort by climate change alarmists to
9 marginalize those in the scientific community who are skeptical of climate change by
10 manipulating or pressuring publishers of scientific literature to keep contrary or
11 competing scientific viewpoints and findings on climate change from being
12 peer-reviewed and published; and

13 WHEREAS, The International Panel on Climate Change, a blend of government
14 officials and scientists, does no independent climate research but relies on global
15 climate researchers; and

16 WHEREAS, The Earth’s climate is constantly changing, and recent warming
17 indicates a return to more normal temperatures following a prolonged cooling period
18 during the years 1250 to 1860 called the “Little Ice Age”; and

19 WHEREAS, The climate change gravy train, estimated at more than \$7 billion
20 annually in federal government grants, may have influenced the focus of climate
21 research at research institutions and universities and produced a false “scientific
22 consensus”; and

23 WHEREAS, The recent climate change summit in Copenhagen resulted in little
24 agreement, especially among growing carbon dioxide-emitting nations like China and
25 India, and calls on the United States to pay billions of dollars to developing countries
26 to reduce carbon dioxide at a time when the United States national debt will exceed
27 \$12 trillion; and

28 WHEREAS, The United States Department of Agriculture estimates that
29 current legislation proposing agricultural offsets and carbon credits to reduce carbon
30 dioxide emissions would result in tree planting on 59 million acres of crop and pasture
31 land, damaging America’s food security and rural communities; and

32 WHEREAS, According to the World Health Organization, 1.6 billion people do
33 not have adequate food or clean water; and

34 WHEREAS, Global governance related to climate change and the reduction of
35 carbon dioxide would ultimately lock billions of human beings into long-term poverty;
36 now, therefore, be it

37 RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the
38 United States Environmental Protection Agency is urged to immediately halt its

1 carbon dioxide reduction policies and programs and to withdraw its endangerment
2 finding and related regulations until a full and independent investigation of the
3 climate change conspiracy and science can be undertaken; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of
5 Legislative Services to Lisa Jackson, Administrator, United States Environmental
6 Protection Agency, Headquarters, Ariel Rios Building, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave N.W.,
7 Mail Code 1101A, Washington, D.C. 20460, and to the Maryland Congressional
8 Delegation: Senators Barbara A. Mikulski and Benjamin L. Cardin, Senate Office
9 Building, Washington, D.C. 20510; and Representatives Frank M. Kratovil, Jr., C. A.
10 Dutch Ruppersberger III, John P. Sarbanes, Donna Edwards, Steny Hamilton Hoyer,
11 Roscoe G. Bartlett, Jr., Elijah E. Cummings, and Christopher Van Hollen, Jr., House
12 Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515.