

Rep. Meekhof offered the following concurrent resolution:

House Concurrent Resolution No. 55.

A concurrent resolution to memorialize the Congress to enact legislation that would postpone the Environmental Protection Agency's effort to regulate greenhouse gas emissions from stationary sources using existing Clean Air Act authority until Congress adopts a balanced approach to address climate and energy issues.

Whereas, The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) plan to regulate greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from new cars and light trucks will trigger the same regulation of GHG emissions from stationary sources, like manufacturing facilities, power plants, hospitals and commercial establishments; and

Whereas, Regulating GHG emissions from stationary sources under the Clean Air Act would be a great weight on manufacturing and the economy in general; and

Whereas, The pending EPA effort would burden progress on two of the nation's top priorities, environmental improvement and economic recovery, by imposing onerous permitting requirements that will significantly delay or even eliminate investments in new energy efficient technologies; and

Whereas, Over four million jobs were lost in 2009 and these proposed regulations have the potential to cause even more job losses; and

Whereas, The regulatory requirements of the Clean Air Act will overwhelm state agencies, which are not equipped to handle the estimated six million permitting requests anticipated; and

Whereas, Only Congress can act to avoid the significant costs and burdens imposed by the regulations on stationary sources, which even the EPA admits will lead to absurd results; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That we encourage the Congress to enact legislation that would postpone the EPA's effort to regulate greenhouse gas emissions from stationary sources using existing Clean Air Act authority until Congress adopts a balanced approach to address climate and energy issues without crippling the economy; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.