

recent investments to upgrade the coal fleet and install 18
expensive pollution controls as required by previous rules 19
adopted by the USEPA. The existing coal power plant fleet 20
ensures the availability of reliable, abundant, and low-cost 21
electricity critical to Ohio's economy and especially the 22
continued revival of the manufacturing industry in Ohio; and 23

WHEREAS, In light of the central importance of reliable, 24
abundant, and low-cost electricity for Ohio's economy, Ohio's 25
energy policy pursues a balanced "all fuels" approach that 26
relies on coal, natural gas, and hydroelectric fuels, including 27
energy efficient sources such as renewable energies. The USEPA's 28
Clean Power Plan irreconcilably conflicts with Ohio's energy 29
policy as determined and enacted by the Ohio General Assembly 30
and usurps the authority of the General Assembly to establish 31
Ohio's energy policy going forward; and 32

WHEREAS, The USEPA lacks the legal authority to establish 33
Ohio's energy policy under federal law and the United States 34
Constitution, including the Tenth Amendment, which reserves 35
powers to the states; now therefore be it 36

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 131st General 37
Assembly of the State of Ohio, oppose the United States 38
Environmental Protection Agency's Clean Power Plan; and be it 39
further 40

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 41
transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the 42
President of the United States, the Administrator of the United 43
States Environmental Protection Agency, the Speaker and Clerk of 44
the United States House of Representatives, the President Pro 45
Tempore and Secretary of the United States Senate, each member 46
of the Ohio Congressional delegation, and the news media of 47
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