

A RESOLUTION

To urge the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to withdraw its proposed regulations on greenhouse gas emissions and to urge the United States Congress to take action to prevent the regulations from taking effect.

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Ohio:

WHEREAS, The United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) has proposed new regulations governing greenhouse gas emissions from coal and natural gas-fired power plants; and

WHEREAS, The proposed regulations require unachievable and unrealistic timelines to reduce carbon emissions, which will negatively impact the economic viability of new and existing natural gas plants and all but ensure coal power plants will need to shut down by 2035; and

WHEREAS, The proposed regulations will require the adoption of new technologies, such as those related to clean hydrogen and carbon capture, that are not yet commercially available and have not been adequately demonstrated as required by the federal Clean Air Act; and

WHEREAS, Adoption of the proposed regulations will jeopardize energy reliability and result in more blackouts, higher costs, and greater uncertainty for American families and businesses; and

WHEREAS, The proposed regulations exceed USEPA's regulatory authority and grant USEPA vastly expanded powers with major economic and political significance without Congressional assent; and

WHEREAS, The proposed regulations disregard the "major questions doctrine" raised by recent U.S. Supreme Court rulings and are inconsistent with the text, structure, and context of Section 111 of the federal Clean Air Act; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 135th General Assembly of the State of Ohio, urge the USEPA to halt its efforts to adopt the proposed regulations; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 135th General Assembly of the State of Ohio, urge the United States Congress to enact clear legislation to prevent the USEPA from adopting the proposed regulations; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the President Pro Tempore and Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, the members of the Ohio Congressional delegation, the Administrator of the USEPA, and the news media of Ohio.

President _____ of the Senate.

Adopted _____, 20____