

House Resolution 1357

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A RESOLUTION

1 Requesting that the Congress of the United States adopt legislation that would postpone the
2 United States Environmental Protection Agency's effort to regulate greenhouse gases through
3 the Clean Air Act; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has moved to
5 regulate greenhouse gases through the Clean Air Act, action which is an improper method
6 to solve climate and energy supply issues in a fair and effective way; and

7 WHEREAS, the EPA's plan to regulate greenhouse gas emissions from new cars and light
8 trucks will trigger the same regulation of greenhouse gas emissions from stationary sources,
9 such as manufacturing facilities, power plants, hospitals, and commercial establishments; and

10 WHEREAS, regulating greenhouse gases from stationary sources under the Clean Air Act
11 would be a great hindrance to manufacturing and the economy; and

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

16 WHEREAS, over 4 million jobs were lost in 2009, and these proposed regulations have the
17 potential to cause even more job losses; and

18 WHEREAS, the regulatory requirements of the Clean Air Act will overwhelm state agencies,
19 which are not equipped to handle the estimated 6 million permitting requests anticipated and
20 which are already struggling in this economic climate; and

21 WHEREAS, the issue of greenhouse gas regulation should be deliberated and decided in a
22 legislative body that is made up of elected officials accountable to the people, not a
23 government agency filled with appointed officials like the EPA.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
25 the members of this body request that the Congress of the United States make efforts to enact
26 legislation restricting the Environmental Protection Agency's efforts to regulate greenhouse
27 gas emissions from stationary sources through the Clean Air Act until Congress adopts a
28 balanced approach to address climate and energy supply issues without crippling the
29 economy.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
31 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to each member of the Georgia
32 congressional delegation.