

# House Concurrent Resolution No. 1

## 95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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**Whereas**, the availability and affordability of energy is crucial to the viability of  
2 Missouri's automotive industries which depend on stable and reliable energy costs to keep their  
3 operations running; and  
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**Whereas**, any policy that would drive up the costs of energy would significantly  
5 harm Missouri's automotive industries, causing additional economic hardship at a time when  
6 Missouri's economy is already strained; and  
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**Whereas**, proposed legislation in the United States Congress to implement a  
9 mandatory cap and trade emissions trading system would establish a cap on greenhouse gas  
10 emissions, requiring those who emit greenhouse gases to purchase government credits to offset  
11 emissions, and allow those emitters to trade or sell those credits; and  
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**Whereas**, the State of Missouri produces more than 80% of its electricity from the  
14 combustion of coal. As a result, the cap and trade program would result in massive increases in  
15 energy costs for Missouri's automotive industries because of the increased cost to produce  
16 electricity from coal will be markedly higher; and  
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**Whereas**, these increases in energy costs will effectively act as a regressive energy  
19 tax on Missouri's automotive industries; and  
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**Whereas**, Missouri currently enjoys a relatively low cost of energy. The proposed  
22 cap and trade plan will make Missouri less attractive to automotive industries and damage  
23 Missouri's ability to attract and retain jobs in automotive manufacturing. Missouri needs to  
24 position itself as a state that is welcoming to economic development and does not act in a way  
25 that is detrimental to the job creation and retention by the automotive industry in this state; and  
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**Whereas**, the cap and trade program as proposed would likely result in the loss of  
a substantial number of jobs in the automotive industry in Missouri, resulting in a decrease in  
state revenue which will exacerbate an already serious budget situation; and

**Whereas**, in establishing national policies, Congress should strive to develop  
policies that do not cause sudden and severe impacts on the welfare and economies of certain  
states and regions:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that the members of the House of  
Representatives of the Ninety-fifth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, First  
Extraordinary Session, the Senate concurring therein, hereby strongly urge the Congress of the  
United States and the Missouri Congressional delegation to refuse to enact cap and trade  
legislation that would be harmful to Missouri's automotive industries by substantially and  
significantly raising energy costs used in the manufacture of automobiles; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of  
Representatives be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for Barack  
Obama, President of the United States; the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of  
the United States House of Representatives, each member of the Missouri Congressional  
delegation, and Missouri Governor Jay Nixon.