

# House Concurrent Resolution No. 49

## 96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES FALLERT (Sponsor), TILLEY,  
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2       **WHEREAS**, on February 16, 2012, the United States Environmental Protection Agency  
3 (EPA) promulgated its Mercury and Air Toxics Standards regulation for coal-fueled and oil-  
4 fueled electric generating plants; and

5       **WHEREAS**, EPA's own analyses show that the Mercury and Air Toxics Standards  
6 regulation is the single most expensive rule ever imposed by EPA on the electric power sector  
7 at a cost of \$9.6 billion per year by 2016 and a total cost of \$90 billion; and

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9       **WHEREAS**, billions of dollars in compliance and other costs, including the construction  
10 of new power plants to replace plants forced to retire prematurely, resulting from the Mercury  
11 and Air Toxics Standards regulation will be passed on to residential, commercial, and industrial  
12 electricity consumers; and

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14       **WHEREAS**, these unprecedented costs will increase the price of electricity and other  
15 types of energy at a time when families and businesses are struggling to cope with higher energy  
16 prices and job losses; and

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18       **WHEREAS**, federal government data show that the average family in Missouri has  
19 already been forced to double its spending on energy over the past decade and that lower-income,  
20 fixed-income, and minority families in Missouri are harmed the most by higher energy prices;  
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23       **WHEREAS**, the manufacturing sector nationwide has lost 5.5 million jobs since 2000,  
24 or 32% of its workforce, the sector's global competitiveness depends on affordable and reliable  
25 energy; and

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27       **WHEREAS**, EPA has not provided an estimate of job losses that will be caused by the  
28 regulation, even though many analyses project that EPA regulations will cause higher energy  
29 prices and premature retirement of coal-fired power plants, resulting in financial hardship to  
30 consumers and further erosion of United States manufacturing jobs; and

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32           **WHEREAS**, federal, state, and regional officials, public utility commissioners, regional  
33 electric reliability organizations, electricity generators, and manufacturing companies have  
34 expressed concerns that EPA regulations threaten the reliability of our nation's electric power  
35 grid; and

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37           **WHEREAS**, coal-fueled power plants have already invested nearly \$100 billion to meet  
38 clean air requirements and these investments have reduced emissions of major air pollutants by  
39 nearly 90% per kilowatt-hour of electricity generated; and

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41           **WHEREAS**, the Missouri General Assembly supports improvements in air quality to  
42 protect the health of our citizens and the quality of our environment, and believes that such  
43 improvements can be made within a sensible time frame and at a reasonable cost; and

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45           **WHEREAS**, the highest economic priority by federal, state, and local governments at  
46 the present time should be to support policies that stimulate economic growth and create jobs and  
47 to avoid policies that unnecessarily increase energy prices, hurt families, and cause job losses:

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49           **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the House of  
50 Representatives of the Ninety-sixth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate  
51 concurring therein, hereby calls on the United States Congress to adopt S.J.Res. 37, disapproving  
52 the Mercury and Air Toxics Standards regulation because of the unprecedented economic  
53 impacts of such regulation, and to ensure that EPA replaces it with a sensible regulation that  
54 achieves reductions in mercury emissions without unnecessary increases in energy prices, job  
55 losses, and threats to electric reliability; and

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57           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of  
58 Representatives be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for each  
59 member of the Missouri Congressional delegation.

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