Senators Kuipers, Barcia, Brown, Pappageorge, Nofs, Cropsey, Jelinek and Gleason offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 143.

A resolution to memorialize Congress to provide a fair and effective approach on climate and energy supply issues that safeguards American jobs, ensures affordable energy for America, and maintains our nation's global competitiveness.

Whereas, The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) plan to regulate greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from new cars and light trucks under the Clean Air Act will trigger the same regulation of GHG emissions from stationary sources, such as manufacturing facilities, power plants, hospitals, and commercial establishments; and

Whereas, Regulating GHG emissions from stationary sources under the Clean Air Act would be great anchor on manufacturing and the economy in general; and

Whereas, The pending EPA effort would burden progress on two of the nation's top priorities: environmental improvement and economic recovery. Imposing onerous permitting requirements, such as the EPA is proposing, will significantly delay or even eliminate investments in new energy-efficient technologies; and

Whereas, Over 4 million jobs were lost in 2009, and the EPA's proposed regulations have the potential to cause even more job losses; and

Whereas, The regulatory requirements of the Clean Air Act will overwhelm state agencies, which are not equipped to handle the estimated 6 million permitting requests anticipated; and

Whereas, Only Congress can act to avoid the significant costs and burdens imposed by these proposed regulations on stationary sources, which even the EPA admits will lead to "absurd results"; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we encourage Congress to adopt legislation that would postpone the EPA's effort to regulate greenhouse gas emissions from stationary sources using existing Clean Air Act authority until Congress adopts a balanced approach to address climate and energy supply issues which does not cripple the U.S. economy; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.