

1 **CLIMATE CHANGE JOINT RESOLUTION**

2 2010 GENERAL SESSION

3 STATE OF UTAH

4 **Chief Sponsor: Kerry W. Gibson**

5 Senate Sponsor: Scott K. Jenkins

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**LONG TITLE**

7 **General Description:**

8 This joint resolution of the Legislature urges the United States Environmental  
9 Protection Agency to cease its carbon dioxide reduction policies, programs, and  
10 regulations until climate data and global warming science are substantiated.  
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12 **Highlighted Provisions:**

13 This resolution:

14 ▶ urges the United States Environmental Protection Agency to immediately halt its  
15 carbon dioxide reduction policies and programs and withdraw its "Endangerment  
16 Finding" and related regulations until a full and independent investigation of ~~H~~→ [the] ←~~H~~  
17 climate data ~~H~~→ [conspiracy] ←~~H~~ and global warming science can be substantiated.

18 **Special Clauses:**

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*Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

21 WHEREAS, proposed cap and trade legislation before the United States Congress,  
22 together with potential state actions to reduce carbon dioxide (CO2), would result in  
23 significantly higher energy costs to American consumers, business, and industry;

24 WHEREAS, the United States Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA)  
25 "Endangerment Finding" and proposed action to regulate CO2 under the Clean Air Act is based  
26 on ~~H~~→ [flawed] questionable ←~~H~~ climate data and would place significant regulatory and  
27 financial burdens on all  
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28 sectors of the nation's economy at a time when the nation's unemployment rate exceeds 10%;

29 WHEREAS, global temperatures have been level and declining in some areas over the  
30 past 12 years;

31 WHEREAS, the "hockey stick" global warming assertion has been discredited and  
32 climate alarmists' carbon dioxide-related global warming hypothesis is unable to account for  
33 the current downturn in global temperatures;

34 WHEREAS, there is a statistically more direct correlation between twentieth century  
35 temperature rise and Chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) in the atmosphere than CO<sub>2</sub>;

36 WHEREAS, outlawed and largely phased out by 1978, in the year 2000 CFC's began to  
37 decline at approximately the same time as global temperatures began to decline;

38 WHEREAS, emails and other communications between climate researchers around the  
39 globe, referred to as "Climategate," indicate a well organized and ongoing effort to manipulate  
40 ~~H→ [and incorporate "tricks" related to] ←H~~ global temperature data in order to produce a global  
41 warming outcome;

42 WHEREAS, there has been a concerted effort by climate change alarmists to  
43 marginalize those in the scientific community who are skeptical of global warming by  
44 manipulating or pressuring peer-reviewed publications to keep contrary or competing scientific  
45 viewpoints and findings on global warming from being reviewed and published;

46 WHEREAS, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), a blend of  
47 government officials and scientists, does no independent climate research but relies on global  
48 climate researchers;

49 WHEREAS, Earth's climate is constantly changing with recent warming potentially an  
50 indication of a return to more normal temperatures following a prolonged cooling period from  
51 1250 to 1860 called the "Little Ice Age";

52 WHEREAS, ~~H→ [the climate change "gravy train," estimated at] ←H~~ more than \$7 billion  
53 annually in federal government grants, may have influenced the climate research focus and  
54 findings that have produced a "scientific consensus" at research institutions and universities;

55 WHEREAS, the recently completed Copenhagen climate change summit resulted in  
56 little agreement, especially among growing CO<sub>2</sub>-emitting nations like China and India, and  
57 calls on the United States to pay billions of dollars to developing countries to reduce CO<sub>2</sub>  
58 emissions at a time when the United States' national debt will exceed \$12 trillion;

59 WHEREAS, the United States Department of Agriculture estimates that current  
60 legislation providing agriculture offsets and carbon credits to reduce CO2 emissions would  
61 result in tree planting on 59 million acres of crop and pasture land, damaging America's food  
62 security and rural communities;

63 WHEREAS, according to the World Health Organization, 1.6 billion people do not  
64 have adequate food and clean water; and

65 WHEREAS, global governance related to global warming and reduction of CO2 would  
66 ultimately lock billions of human beings into long-term poverty:

67 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah  
68 urges the United States Environmental Protection Agency to immediately halt its carbon  
69 dioxide reduction policies and programs and withdraw its "Endangerment Finding" and related  
70 regulations until a full and independent investigation of ~~H→~~ [the] ~~←H~~ climate data  
70a ~~H→~~ [~~conspiracy~~] ~~←H~~ and global  
71 warming science can be substantiated.

72 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the United  
73 States Environmental Protection Agency and to the members of Utah's congressional  
74 delegation.

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**Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel**

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**State Impact**

Enactment of this bill will not require additional appropriations.

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**Individual, Business and/or Local Impact**

Enactment of this bill likely will not result in direct, measurable costs and/or benefits for individuals, businesses, or local governments.

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