

Fact Sheet on Resolution to Disapprove Of EPA's Endangerment Finding

- The Resolution of Disapproval introduced today will prevent the implementation of the economy-killing regulations posed by this administration. With the support of Republican Leader Boehner, House Minority Whip Cantor, and House Conference Chairman Mike Pence, U.S. Rep. Joe Barton, R-Texas, introduced the resolution with the co-sponsorship of U.S. Reps. Ralph Hall, R-Texas; Darrell Issa, R-Calif.; Frank Lucas, R-Okla.; Lamar Smith, R-Texas; and James Sensenbrenner, R-Wisc., among others.
- The EPA's endangerment finding is a back-door attempt to institute a national energy tax that will cap our economy and trade jobs.
- The Resolution of Disapproval would prevent the EPA from engaging in job-killing behavior. The resolution would prevent the cascade of anti-growth rules and requirements that flow from the EPA administrator's controversial endangerment finding.
- The endangerment finding, rushed by this administration and the EPA without regard to its overall economic impacts *despite* EPA's acknowledgement that the finding will cause job losses in the United States, represents a clear-and-present danger to our economy and to all of our efforts to provide the conditions for job growth and prosperity.
- Under the endangerment finding – and the regulatory and legal red tape that flow from this expansion of government into our economic lives – the pace of U.S. economic growth will be stifled by the EPA and its controversial enforcement of environmental laws. The American public, its business owners and workers, want a clear and quick path to a robust, growing economy, not a thicket of new job-destroying regulations.
- This resolution is about economic growth and job creation. Congress's obligation is to promote robust economic growth, which creates jobs and allows people to prosper and enjoy that prosperity instead of worrying about their next paycheck or more layoffs.
- In time, the new permitting and pollution control rules for these entities would potentially sweep in millions of very small sources of GHG emissions – office buildings, hotels, restaurants, hospitals, churches, farms and other small businesses. EPA admits that, without regulatory action, the rules flowing from the endangerment finding would subject millions of entities to new permitting requirements, would cost billions of dollars just to do the paperwork and processing, be administratively impossible, and do nothing to protect the environment. This resolution clears away this barrier to job creation.

- Beyond the initial regulations on the auto industry and large industrial sources, EPA is considering additional rules to regulate GHG emissions from:
 - Aircraft
 - Ocean-going vessels
 - Nonroad engines & vehicle sources
 - Fuels
 - Cement plants
 - Petroleum refineries
 - Nitric acid plants
 - Utility boilers
 - Oil and gas production
 - Landfills
 - Animal feed operations

- The bottom line is that the EPA permitting rules create substantial regulatory uncertainty for nearly all major sectors of the economy, will delay or halt major new construction projects and business activity, and deter new investment and business activity, and stifle job creation and growth.

- Congress cannot allow a massive expansion of the EPA and state control over virtually all major sectors of the U.S. economy – energy, manufacturing, transportation, and every other industry that requires energy to make and sell products in any significant amount.

- EPA recently wrote to Barton confirming that it has not fully assessed the costs of impacts on jobs or employment of moving forward with greenhouse gas rules.

- EPA also confirmed that it has no evaluations prepared of possible job loss or shifts in employment that may occur because of the new or future rules.

- The agency also confirmed that persons who violate the new greenhouse gas regulations will be subject to possible enforcement actions, civil or criminal penalties, and citizen suit litigation.

- While recognizing the total costs are unknown and will impact jobs, in its recent letter EPA declined to provide any real assurances that the endangerment regulations would not cause major job losses. This is not acceptable for the millions of unemployed in our nation and the thousands of struggling businesses, both large and small. We simply cannot permit the administration to proceed with these job-killing, growth-destroying regulations.