

Hello again Mrs. Kline,

I stopped by your town hall yesterday and met with you about the pro-business resolution campaign under way here in North Carolina. It focuses on the cap-and-trade environmental legislation making its way through DC right this very moment. As one of the largest manufacturers and recyclers in the state, Nucor (a steel manufacturer headquartered in Charlotte and with a mill over in Hertford County) is rallying cities and counties to voice their stance to leaders in Raleigh and Washington.

In a nutshell, the goals of this resolution are simple: to safeguard American jobs, to ensure affordable energy for citizens, and maintain the global competitiveness of the U.S. Lastly, it's imperative to hold *all* polluters accountable across the globe ... not just here at home.

As we discussed, our economy is already on shaky ground. The manufacturing sector in North Carolina has lost more than 337,000 jobs in the past decade. We all want to do good by the environment. However, adopting this particular legislation that further cripples our economy with increased costs (that will likely send more companies overseas) is simply not the route to take.

After reviewing the resolution, I hope your mayor and council find that we are on the same page. If so, your town can join the cause by considering it for adoption in Chapel Hill. (I am happy to report that the City of Greensboro most recently adopted the resolution last week!) Please let me know if the resolution lands on an upcoming meeting agenda, as I will be happy to attend and answer any questions.

Again, many thanks for passing along this information. And, most importantly, any support you can offer will be most appreciated!

Have a good day,

Kathryn

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A RESOLUTION

MEMORIALIZING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE THROUGH THE ADOPTION OF A FAIR AND EFFECTIVE APPROACH THAT SAFEGUARDS AMERICAN JOBS, ENSURES AFFORDABLE ENERGY FOR CITIZENS, AND MAINTAINS AMERICA'S GLOBAL COMPETITIVENESS.

Whereas, there is some scientific belief that greenhouse gases could impact the atmosphere; and

Whereas, the greenhouse gas emissions of developing countries are rising more rapidly than the emissions of the United States and have surpassed the greenhouse gas emissions of the United States and other developed countries; and

Whereas, the State of North Carolina accounts for only 0.44% of total global greenhouse gas emissions; and

Whereas, any system to regulate greenhouse gas emissions must not eliminate American jobs and diminish the ability of American industry to compete in the global marketplace; and

Whereas, any system to regulate greenhouse gas emissions must not add to the already high costs of power and gasoline; and

Whereas, any system to regulate greenhouse gas emissions must reward, and not punish, early adopters of energy efficient technologies and practice; and

Whereas, any system to regulate greenhouse gas emissions must adopt an international component to prevent "emissions leakage" and ensure that emissions do not simply migrate to another state or nation; and

Whereas, the only manner to quantify these emissions is through a domestic and international greenhouse gas emissions registry that is uniform, transparent, and verifiable; and

Whereas, any system to regulate greenhouse gases must ensure that the adopted regime does not result in the off-shoring of international trade sensitive industries; and

Whereas, manufacturing employment in August 2008 was at its lowest level since March of 1950; and

Whereas, North Carolina has lost approximately 337,000 manufacturing jobs since 1999; and

Whereas, manufacturing accounts for \$77.956 billion of North Carolina's Gross State Product; and

Whereas, any system to regulate greenhouse gas emissions must ensure the availability of sufficient, affordable energy, including clean energy, before restricting emissions in a manner that could reduce the volume of energy available to consumers; and

Whereas, any system to regulate greenhouse gas emissions must provide credits or allowances to support operations, such as recycling and other practices, that reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and

Whereas, any action taken should be structured to:

- (1) promote American jobs;
- (2) save American citizens and industry from higher energy prices;
- (3) reward early adopters of efficient practices and technologies;
- (4) prevent “emissions leakage”; and
- (5) champion the global competitiveness of American industry. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the XXX County Board of Commissioners:

That the members of the XXX County Board of Commissioners, by this resolution, memorialize the United States Congress to address the issue of global climate change through the adoption of a fair and effective approach that safeguards American jobs, ensures affordable energy for citizens, and maintains America’s global competitiveness.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to each member of the North Carolina Congressional Delegation.