

By Representative Bronson

1 House Memorial

2 A memorial urging the United States
3 Environmental Protection Agency to reaffirm the
4 existing air quality standards for ozone and
5 particulate matter and for other purposes.
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7 WHEREAS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
8 has a responsibility to review periodically the National
9 Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for ozone and
10 particulate matter (PM), and

11 WHEREAS, the EPA is considering establishing a more
12 stringent ozone standard and a new, more stringent standard
13 for particulate matter at 2.5 microns (PM 2.5) and below, and

14 WHEREAS, Florida, its local jurisdictions, businesses,
15 and citizens, have supported health-based National Ambient Air
16 Quality Standards (NAAQS) that are premised on sound science,
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18 WHEREAS, all of Florida meets the current standards for
19 particulate matter, and

20 WHEREAS, Florida, its local jurisdictions, businesses,
21 consumers, and taxpayers, have borne considerable cost to come
22 into compliance with the current NAAQS for ozone and
23 particulate matter, and

24 WHEREAS, the proposed new standards may significantly
25 expand the number of nonattainment areas for both ozone and
26 particulate matter, which could result in additional emission
27 controls in some areas and could impose significant economic,
28 administrative, and regulatory burdens on Florida, its
29 citizens, businesses, and local governments, and

30 WHEREAS, the EPA's own Clean Air Science Advisory
31 Committee (CASAC) was unable to find any "bright line" that

1 would distinguish any public health benefit among any of the
2 proposed new standards for ozone, including the current
3 standard, and

4 WHEREAS, there is very little existing PM 2.5
5 monitoring data, and

6 WHEREAS, there are many unanswered questions and
7 scientific uncertainties regarding the health effects of
8 particulate matter and, in particular, PM 2.5, NOW, THEREFORE,

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10 Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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12 That the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is
13 strongly urged to reaffirm the existing air quality standards
14 for ozone and particulate matter.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of the
16 State of Florida calls on the EPA to conduct a cost-benefit
17 analysis on these and other regulations and to include in its
18 analysis the health effects of reaffirming existing NAAQS for
19 ozone and PM 10.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of the
21 State of Florida advises and strongly urges the EPA to
22 reaffirm the existing NAAQS for PM 10.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of the
24 State of Florida advises and strongly urges the EPA to refrain
25 from establishing a new NAAQS for PM 2.5 at this time, and to
26 gather the necessary PM 2.5 monitoring data and conduct all
27 necessary research needed to address the issue of causality
28 and other critical and important unanswered specific questions
29 concerning PM 2.5.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of the
31 State of Florida advises and strongly urges the EPA to

1 identify any unfunded mandates or other administrative and
2 economic burdens for state or local governments or agencies
3 that would result from the proposed changes to the NAAQS for
4 ozone and particulate matter.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
6 dispatched to the President of the United States, the
7 President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the
8 United States House of Representatives, the Florida
9 congressional delegation, and the Administrator of the U.S.
10 Environmental Protection Agency.

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