

1 A RESOLUTION expressing opposition to President Biden's executive order on
2 climate change and the use of social costs for calculating damages from emitting
3 greenhouse gases.

4 WHEREAS, on January 20, 2021, President Biden signed Executive Order 13990
5 which directs federal agencies to measure the long-term economic damage arising from
6 an increase in specific greenhouse gases such as carbon and nitrogen-oxides; and

7 WHEREAS, this type of measurement is called the social or external cost of
8 greenhouse gas pollution; and

9 WHEREAS, an Interagency Working Group on the Social Cost of Greenhouse
10 Gases created three separate cost metrics for carbon, nitrous-oxide, and methane, and
11 these metrics will be used in developing federal administrative regulations and rules
12 governing the agriculture, mining, energy, environmental, and transportation sectors; and

13 WHEREAS, measuring social costs greatly inflates the cost of emitting greenhouse
14 gases which makes manufacturing and energy production more expensive; and

15 WHEREAS, imposing these unrealized economic costs on those sectors will curtail
16 economic growth and reduce the potential for states to quickly recover from the
17 devastating economic effects of the pandemic; and

18 WHEREAS, the effect of this executive order on Kentucky's agriculture sector
19 alone will be wide-reaching as farmers contend with new regulations that attempts to
20 mitigate the social costs of methane, sulfur-dioxide, nitrogen-oxides, and volatile organic
21 compounds (VOCs) emissions associated with livestock wastes, equipment fuel usage,
22 and applications of fertilizers and pesticides; and

23 WHEREAS, federal agencies using social costs as a method of developing
24 regulation or rule arguably violates the separation of powers of the United States
25 Constitution and thus far 12 states attorneys generals have sued the federal government to
26 stop the implementation of Executive Order 13990;

27 NOW, THEREFORE,

1 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the*
2 *Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

3 ➔Section 1. Because of the disastrous financial implications of monetizing the
4 long-term damage caused by greenhouse gases on the United States economy, the
5 President of the United States of America is urged to withdraw Executive Order 13990.

6 ➔Section 2. Given the impact of Executive Order 13990 on Kentucky's
7 manufacturing, mining, energy, and agriculture sectors, Attorney General Daniel
8 Cameron is urged to consider joining the other 12 state attorneys generals in suing the
9 federal government to stop the implementation of federal rules and regulations that will
10 impose social costs for emitting greenhouse gas emissions.

11 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the House is directed to send a copy of this Resolution
12 to United States President Joseph R. Biden, 1600 Pennsylvania Ave, NW, Washington,
13 D.C. 20500 and to Kentucky Attorney General Daniel Cameron, 700 Capitol Avenue,
14 Frankfort, Kentucky, 40601.