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**HOUSE RESOLUTION REGARDING THE
TRADE POLICIES OF THE UNITED STATES**
2024 GENERAL SESSION
STATE OF UTAH
Chief Sponsor: Tyler Clancy

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This resolution urges the United States Congress to take actions to enact trade policy that supports United States' businesses and workers while penalizing global polluters.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

- identifies threats posed to the United States by supply chain dependence on China;
- recognizes the environmental threat of China to the global pollution crisis;
- recognizes how policies that promote domestic extraction and production instead of reliance on China could benefit Utah's rural communities; and
- urges the United States Congress to support trade policies that hold high polluting countries like China and Russia accountable for pollution and bolster cleaner, United States-based extraction and production.

Other Special Clauses:

None

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the state of Utah:

WHEREAS, Chinese government-owned industry is an arm of the Communist Party and strives to increase its influence over the global economy by pursuing predatory, unfair trade practices designed to steal intellectual property and destroy competition from the United States;

WHEREAS, China's dominance of key components of the global supply chain, including those related to critical minerals, represents a threat to United States economic security and economic and social development;

WHEREAS, China is the greatest immediate obstacle to reducing global pollution and accounts for one third of global greenhouse gas emissions, more than the rest of the developed

28 world combined, while it subsidizes its exports by not imposing or enforcing environmental
29 and labor standards comparable to those in other developed nations;

30 WHEREAS, private sector innovation and American resources have led the United States
31 to eliminate more carbon emissions than any other country in the last fifteen years, and the
32 United States' economy is 44% more carbon efficient than the world average;

33 WHEREAS, United States' companies are more efficient in nearly every industry and yet
34 are forced to compete with subsidized imports from China and elsewhere that face few limits
35 on how much they pollute;

36 WHEREAS, environmental policies have blocked resource development on public lands in
37 Utah, inadvertently enriching China by making the United States reliant on China for the
38 development of minerals that could be mined domestically;

39 WHEREAS, these federal environmental policies have left rural Utahns with fewer
40 opportunities for healthcare, education, and jobs, preventing them from building communities
41 in which their children and families can thrive; and

42 WHEREAS, holding foreign polluters to the same standards as domestic producers would
43 provide a plethora of benefits to the state of Utah, including:

- 44 • diversifying supply chains by reducing the United States' dependence on imports
45 from high emitting producers like Russia and China;
- 46 • decreasing global pollution by holding the biggest polluters accountable to western
47 environmental standards;
- 48 • boosting steel production in Utah, increasing United States steelmakers' sales by as
49 much as nine percent, grow steelmakers' profitability by as much as 41%, and dropping steel
50 imports by about 50%; and
- 51 • bolstering domestic manufacturing and generate good paying jobs in rural areas:

52 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the state of
53 Utah urges the United States Congress to support trade policies that hold high polluting
54 countries like China and Russia accountable for pollution and bolster domestic extraction and
55 production.

56 BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives promotes American
57 economic development and the rebuilding of United States supply chains, particularly in rural
58 communities, including by enacting policies that reward American businesses and workers for
59 their superior environmental performance.