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WHEREAS, on February 7, 2019, Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez introduced House Resolution 109 in the United States House of Representatives indicating that the federal government has a duty to create a Green New Deal to achieve net-zero greenhouse gas emissions in ten years; and

WHEREAS, House Resolution 109 espouses a terrifying future based on arbitrary statistics and outcomes that can not truly be predicted. The solutions set out in the Green New Deal and House Resolution 109 will cost the United States trillions of dollars, with no clear path for paying to implement the plan; and

WHEREAS, Representative Ocasio-Cortez's staff released a document detailing what the Green New Deal would entail, including massive changes to the way millions of people in the country live, with these changes happening on a radically short timeline; and

WHEREAS, the document, which contained Frequently Asked Questions, indicated that the goal was for net zero rather than zero emissions in ten years because they were not sure "that we'll be able to fully get rid of farting cows and airplanes that fast"; and

WHEREAS, according to the University of Missouri Extension Service, Missouri is ranked number three in beef cow inventories with more than 2 million cows as of 2017 and is home to over 80,000 milk cows; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, Missouri ranked fourth in the country in the number of acres of soybeans planted and second in the number of acres of used for forage according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture; and

WHEREAS, eliminating or significantly reducing cattle and combustion engines would damage the agricultural industry in Missouri, which leads the way in feeding the world, by crippling the ability to engage in cattle ranching; cultivate the soil; produce and harvest rice,

cotton, corn, soybeans, and other food products; and transport food products around the world; and

WHEREAS, the Boeing Corporation employs over 14,500 people in Missouri. Making air travel unnecessary would result in thousands of Boeing employees losing their jobs; and

WHEREAS, House Resolution 109 calls for “meeting 100 percent of the power demand in the United States through clean, renewable, and zero-emission energy sources” and the associated document called for phasing out fossil fuels and nuclear energy as soon as possible; and

WHEREAS, coal and nuclear power fuel the majority of Missouri's electricity generation. According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration, coal fueled 81 percent and the Callaway Nuclear Generating Station provided 10 percent of Missouri’s electricity generation in 2017; and

WHEREAS, the nuclear power plant located in Callaway County, in the heart of the state, provides highly efficient, low-cost, carbon free electricity for Ameren Missouri's 1.2 million customers; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Green New Deal would significantly damage Missouri's electrical power industry by phasing out the use of fossil fuels and nuclear energy; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Green New Deal indicates that the federal government should ensure economic security for all people of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the document also indicated that the proposed Green New Deal sought "economic security for all who are unable or unwilling to work"; and

WHEREAS, the funds required to pay for a guaranteed income for all may increase as more people decide they are unwilling to work or are laid off as a result of the damage to various industries:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the House of Representatives of the One Hundredth General Assembly, First Regular Session, the Senate

concurring therein, hereby urge President Donald J. Trump and members of Missouri's congressional delegation to oppose the resolution proposing a Green New Deal; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for President Donald J. Trump and each member of the Missouri congressional delegation.

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