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Condemning the United Nations and International Maritime Organization for proposing a global tax on shipping emissions, threatening United States sovereignty, trade, and economic interests.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BIGGS of Arizona (for himself and Mr. OGLES) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

RESOLUTION

Condemning the United Nations and International Maritime Organization for proposing a global tax on shipping emissions, threatening United States sovereignty, trade, and economic interests.

Whereas the International Maritime Organization (IMO), a specialized agency of the United Nations, is expected to vote on a “Net-Zero Framework” proposal that would impose a global tax or levy on maritime shipping emissions;

Whereas the proposed scheme would require vessels to pay into a centralized international fund based on their car-

bon emissions, creating an unprecedented global taxation system on trade and transportation;

Whereas such a tax constitutes an attempt by a global body to impose direct economic costs on private industry and sovereign nations without representation, violating the principle of “no taxation without representation”;

Whereas the United States, under the Trump Administration, firmly opposed similar international carbon tax schemes and reaffirmed that American energy and trade policy must be decided by elected officials accountable to the American people, not by unaccountable global bureaucrats;

Whereas the imposition of a global shipping tax would increase the cost of transporting goods worldwide, raise consumer prices, and reduce the competitiveness of American producers and exporters;

Whereas such measures would undermine United States energy independence, hinder free and fair trade, and threaten the prosperity of American workers in the shipping, manufacturing, and energy sectors; and

Whereas the United States retains full sovereignty over its own taxation, trade, and emissions policies and will not cede that authority to international organizations or foreign governments: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—
- 2 (1) condemns the proposed United Nations and
- 3 International Maritime Organization “Net-Zero
- 4 Framework” as an illegitimate attempt to impose a
- 5 global carbon tax that would erode national sov-
- 6 ereignty and harm American economic interests;

1 (2) opposes any attempt by international orga-
2 nizations to impose global taxes, tariffs, or levies on
3 American companies, workers, or consumers;

4 (3) calls upon the President of the United
5 States to instruct United States representatives at
6 the International Maritime Organization to vote
7 against any global emissions tax proposal and to op-
8 pose any related enforcement mechanisms;

9 (4) affirms that no American-flagged vessel or
10 United States shipping company shall be subject to
11 taxation, fees, or penalties imposed by any inter-
12 national body without the consent of Congress;

13 (5) urges the administration to consider recip-
14 rocal measures, including tariffs or restrictions,
15 against nations or entities that attempt to enforce or
16 benefit from such a global tax on American com-
17 merce;

18 (6) reaffirms the United States commitment to
19 free enterprise, energy independence, and the protec-
20 tion of American jobs and industries from unfair
21 global regulation; and

22 (7) directs the Clerk of the House to transmit
23 a copy of this resolution to the President, the Sec-
24 retary of State, Secretary of Energy, Secretary of
25 Transportation, the United States Ambassador to

- 1 the United Nations, and the United States delega-
- 2 tion to the International Maritime Organization.

