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Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the United States should pursue the global elimination of obstacles to the proliferation of technologies and services that science has proven are necessary to address the most pressing environmental problems of our time.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DREIER (for himself and Mr. KUCINICH) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the United States should pursue the global elimination of obstacles to the proliferation of technologies and services that science has proven are necessary to address the most pressing environmental problems of our time.

Whereas addressing the critical global environmental issues of our time is of paramount importance;

Whereas advanced technology will be central to addressing these environmental and energy challenges;

Whereas advanced technology represents a key element of American comparative advantage in the worldwide marketplace;

Whereas the U.S. should strengthen and reform its policies to encourage the use of environmental technologies and services;

Whereas obstacles to the global proliferation of environmental technologies and services limits their accessibility and affordability;

Whereas these obstacles thwart our policy of encouraging the use of these types of products and services;

Whereas eliminating these obstacles would make these types of products and services more accessible and more affordable;

Whereas the resulting increased use of these types of products and services would reduce environmental damage, increase the efficiency of energy consumption, reduce our dependence on fossil fuels, enhance our national security, reduce costs for consumers, and increase job creation;

Whereas full participation by the developed and developing worlds in this effort is essential in order to realize the necessary level of global proliferation of environmental technologies and services to achieve the above-stated goals; and

Whereas the U.S. can pursue regional efforts to eliminate these obstacles to the global proliferation of environmental technologies and services as a way to build momentum for a global agreement: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-
2 resentatives that—

3 (1) the U.S. should pursue the global elimi-
4 nation of obstacles to the proliferation of tech-
5 nologies and services that science has proven are

1 necessary to address the most pressing environ-
2 mental problems of our time; and

3 (2) the U.S. has the ability and the obligation
4 to provide global leadership in advancing this effort.

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