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Expressing the sense of the Senate that the United States and the People's Republic of China should work together to reduce or eliminate tariff and nontariff barriers to trade in clean energy and environmental goods and services.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. CANTWELL submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Finance

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Senate that the United States and the People's Republic of China should work together to reduce or eliminate tariff and nontariff barriers to trade in clean energy and environmental goods and services.

Whereas the United States and the People's Republic of China are among the world's largest economies, are the world's largest producers, consumers, and importers of energy, and are the world's largest sources of energy-related greenhouse gas emissions;

Whereas future growth in the United States, China, and other countries should follow a model for energy use that does not further jeopardize the planet's climate and that

presents numerous opportunities for significant economic growth;

Whereas a global transformation to the use of clean energy will require the adoption of renewable energy technologies to reduce carbon emissions and to build energy-efficient infrastructures;

Whereas that global transformation will also require substantial amounts of clean energy and environmental goods and services to be traded among the United States, China, and other countries;

Whereas tariffs imposed by foreign countries on renewable energy goods such as solar water heaters can be as high as 35 percent, tariffs on solar cells can be as high as 23 percent, and tariffs on wind power generating sets and hydraulic turbines can be as high as 25 percent; and

Whereas it is in the best interests of all countries to reduce or eliminate tariff and nontariff barriers to trade in clean energy and environmental goods and services: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the Senate that—

2 (1) the United States and the People's Republic
3 of China should—

4 (A) work together to reduce or eliminate
5 tariff and nontariff barriers to trade in clean
6 energy and environmental goods and services;
7 and

8 (B) work through the Asia Pacific Eco-
9 nomic Cooperation and the World Trade Orga-

1 nization to reach a multilateral agreement to
2 reduce or eliminate such barriers; and
3 (2) reducing or eliminating tariff and nontariff
4 barriers to trade in clean energy and environmental
5 goods and services will allow the United States,
6 China, and other countries to develop, promote, and
7 deploy clean energy technologies to meet global envi-
8 ronmental challenges.

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