Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 7, 2025

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3009
(Representatives J. Olson, Dockter, Heinert, Novak, M. Ruby)
(Senators Gerhardt, Kessel, Patten)

A concurrent resolution urging the federal government to take actions to enact trade policy that supports business and workers of the United States while penalizing global polluters.

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; and

WHEREAS, China is the greatest immediate obstacle to reducing global pollution and accounts for one-third of global emissions, more than the rest of the developed world combined, while it subsidizes its exports by not imposing or enforcing environmental and labor standards comparable to those in other developed nations; and

WHEREAS, private sector innovation and American resources have led the United States to eliminate more emissions than any other country in the last fifteen years; and

WHEREAS, the United States' economy is 44 percent more carbon efficient than the world average; and

WHEREAS, goods produced in China and Russia generate 300 and 400 percent on average, respectively, more in carbon emissions compared to equivalent goods produced in the United States; and

WHEREAS, 75 percent of the goods the United States imports are from higher-polluting countries, and yet the United States is forced to compete with subsidized imports from China and elsewhere that face few limits on how much they pollute; and

WHEREAS, regulatory policies have blocked resource development on public lands in North Dakota, resulting in the United States importing over 80 percent of its critical minerals from foreign sources, with China controlling 85 percent of global processing capacity, thus enriching China and undermining domestic mineral production capabilities; and

WHEREAS, these federal environmental policies have harmed all North Dakotans by reducing revenue by an estimated $1.2 billion to the state and royalties to mineral owners; and

WHEREAS, holding foreign polluters to the same standards as domestic producers would provide a plethora of benefits to the state of North Dakota, including diversifying supply chains by reducing the United States' dependence on imports from high-emitting producers like Russia and China, decreasing global pollution by holding the biggest polluters accountable to western environmental standards, and bolstering domestic manufacturing and generating well-paying jobs in rural areas;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

That the Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly urges the federal government to support trade policies that hold high-polluting countries like China and Russia accountable for pollution and bolster domestic extraction and production; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State forward a copy of this resolution to the President of the United States, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the

President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate, and each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.

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Speaker of the House	President of the Senate
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Chief Clerk of the House	Secretary of the Senate

Filed in this office this _____day of _____, 2025,

at _____ o'clock _____M.

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Secretary of State