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3 **Title: Support of the Clean Air Act**
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9 **Referred to: Reference Committee D**
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11 **House Action: Adopted as Amended**
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14 **Whereas, outdoor air pollution is now recognized as a public health problem**
15 **both nationally and at the state level, and**
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17 **Whereas, numerous studies are finding deleterious health effects from air**
18 **pollution levels once deemed safe, and**
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20 **Whereas, air pollution causes exacerbation of chronic lung disease and asthma**
21 **resulting in increased numbers of emergency visits and hospitalizations, and is also**
22 **implicated in heart disease, strokes, and premature deaths, and**
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24 **Whereas, Michigan’s geographic location makes its citizens susceptible to air**
25 **pollution generated in other states, in addition to that from within the state, resulting in**
26 **half of its citizens living in counties with unhealthy air, and**
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28 **Whereas, the Clean Air Act is the best tool we have to protect ourselves from**
29 **cross-state air pollution, and**
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31 **Whereas, in 2010 the Clean Air Act prevented 160,000 premature deaths and 1.7**
32 **million instances of asthma exacerbation, and**
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34 **Whereas, the Genesee County Medical Society strongly supports the Clean Air**
35 **Act^{1,2,3,4} and emphatically opposes all attempts to weaken, dismantle, overrule, or**
36 **otherwise impede the Environmental Protection Agency from enforcing or**
37 **implementing it; therefore be it**
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39 **RESOLVED: That MSMS support the Clean Air Act; and be it further**
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41 **RESOLVED: That our AMA reaffirm support of the Clean Air Act.**
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43 **WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE**
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