

Melissa Weipert

From: Link, Terry [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2019 9:45 PM
To: Melissa Weipert
Subject: Hearing on HR 41

HR 41 - OPPOSE

Dear Ms. Weipert,

Please pass along these comments to committee members regarding the proposed House Resolution 41. Having received notification of this hearing on the resolution less than 16 hours before it commences it is not possible for me to attend in person. This is not good government practice!!

I believe the authors of this resolution have not read the actual text of the Green New Deal resolution. It is goal driven, the details to be worked out DEMOCRATICALLY by Congress. Like its predecessor the original New Deal it will evolve from an open and honest debate. I suspect the author of this state resolution would be against the CCC which gave both my father and my father in law work in the 1930s and seeded what we now enjoy as state parks and forests in this state. The same spirit underlies this resolution brought forward by the generation who will face the brunt of our extravagant and wasteful lifestyles.

There is no mention in HR 41 about concerns with climate change and ecological destabilization which all national academies of science around the world concur on. The only apparent concern is some fear mongering about how some industries being regulated to do what they should do anyway. They fail to mention how many industries would be stimulated by an aggressive attempt to get our house in order. Nor does it show any concern for human health or the health of the biosphere.

I studied climatology and meteorology in college and have followed the science over the many years. I was a county commissioner in which I led our county to do a greenhouse gas inventory of county operations more than a decade ago. That effort led to reducing not only the emissions but saved the county money and helped us get grants to support our energy conservation and efficiency. I founded MSU's sustainability office and led it for nearly ten years where I saw the benefit of moving in the direction and goals of the Green New Deal, and the university has benefited greatly. To paint the Green New Deal resolution is such lose-lose terms as Rep. Hall's resolution does is a sham.

The skeptic side of me thinks this may have been drafted by some climate change denying interest group. I don't know Mr. Hall, the sponsor, but I see nothing in his background that makes me think he has any special knowledge about climate change. Certainly he doesn't feel any urgency to act on it even though the IPCC gives us 12 years to do so. Our children, all the children of our human family, deserve better from us. Please discard this resolution. Instead get serious about finding ways to reduce the chances that they will face catastrophe.

Peace,

Melissa Weipert

From: Jacqueline Stewart [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2019 10:37 PM
To: Melissa Weipert
Subject: HR 41

HR 41 - OPPOSE

Dear Ms. Weipert,
Please pass along the following comments on HR 41 to members of the Energy Committee. I did not receive notice of the upcoming meeting in time to be able to attend.

To Legislators on House Energy Committee.

I just read the resolution HR41 you are planning to discuss, opposing the Green New Deal. The reasons given for opposing this genuine effort to mitigate the effects of atmospheric carbon are flimsy at best and embarrassing at worst. Sweeping statements about the expense of a Green New Deal are not backed by anything but opinion, and take no account of the expense of the status quo in terms

- * of health care costs for Americans, who will suffer because of particulates in the atmosphere, or
- * of the costs to deal with extreme weather events that happen with more frequency because of global warming, nor
- * of the damage to Michigan's agriculture and tourism industry as warming trends create new ecosystems for pests and invasive species.

Any expert could add to this list. I suggest you consult some experts on climate, environment, agriculture, health and economy, all of which can be found at your local university, MSU. This resolution looks like an embarrassing attempt to deny climate change. If it were anything else you would have offered your own solution for the issue of climate change instead of producing this flimsy, political statement.

Meanwhile, while the House Energy Committee is devoting time to denying we have a problem, young people all over the world, including here in mid Michigan, will be demonstrating on Friday that they are taking this seriously. They would like you to listen, to take seriously the threat to their futures, to stop protecting a status quo that threatens their futures, and to demonstrate responsible legislative action. They are voters and they are watching what you do.

Jacqueline Stewart
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Melissa Weipert

From: nichole biber [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2019 8:22 AM
To: Melissa Weipert
Subject: HR 41

HR41 - oppose

Please submit the following letter of comments to those on the Committee:

I am convinced that the Green New Deal resolution is best viewed as an opportunity. The concerns raised in HR 41 are better suited as points of debate, to be worked out in a serious and inclusive national conversation. This is not the time to shut down conversations, and HR 41 reads primarily as the non-visionary determination to continue "business as usual" in the very manner that scientists and economists across the world have determined to be unsustainable. HR 41 should not be passed, as it is not truly representative of the best interests of we, the people. The urgency with which we must meet the extremely unsettling forecast of climate change will only increase, and we can no longer waste our collective efforts by futile attempts to ignore the inevitability of major disruptions to our way of life - disruptions that far exceed the need for industry to regulate and innovate.

I work with young children every day as an elementary school librarian, and mother of three. I urge all elected leaders to consider their livable futures as the guiding priority. Reject HR 41, and take up the mantle of true leadership by trusting in our state and country's ability to rise to the occasion, and pursue the unifying vision behind the Green New Deal.

Sincerely,

Nichole Biber

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Melissa Weipert

From: Tom Stanton [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2019 9:24 AM
To: Melissa Weipert
Subject: Please record my opposition to HR41

HR41 - oppose

Please share this email with committee members:

Our own Michigan Climate Action Plan, circa 2006!!!!, concluded that Michigan could cut our greenhouse gas emissions by over 1/3, using only known and fully cost-effective technologies available then. The state's inaction since already exhibits the horrible, terrifying mis-education of our elected leaders.

Smart climate action will not harm the economy. The potential cost savings from reducing the negative impacts from climate destabilization and the fully-cost-effective ability to constrict energy waste and produce cost-effective renewable energy mean that Michigan should be embarking immediately on massive changes to stop energy waste and cut greenhouse gas emissions, using every possible tool that is already fully cost effective. The 2006 plan concluded: If we were to use the cost savings (that is, the INVESTMENT INCOME) from the first 1/3 of emissions reductions to buy the next modestly costly reductions, we could have achieved then almost 45% greenhouse gas reductions at total net zero cost. Our failure to fully engage in doing that is a remarkably horrible chapter in Michigan political inaction, based on the greed of pre-existing companies getting rich due to the waste of fossil fuels and the sustained ignorance of our elected leaders.

We cannot afford for you to take more stupid actions. Please do not pass HR 41.

Tom Stanton, Lansing

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Tom Stanton
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Melissa Weipert

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2019 4:18 PM
To: Melissa Weipert
Subject: House Resolution No. 41

Dear Ms Weipert,

HR 41 - OPPOSE

Please make my views known to the House Energy Committee regarding Resolution 41, which encourages Congress to reject the Green New Deal, an aspirational document laying out what we should do to avoid the worst catastrophic consequences of climate change. The predictions of expanding deserts, wildfires, rising ocean levels, dangerous heat waves, crop failures, mass migrations of peoples, water shortages, extreme storm events and more have come from the administration's own NASA scientists. Complaints about the costs of arriving at a carbon-neutral economy make no sense when we contemplate the costs of doing nothing. Are the sponsors of Resolution 41 climatologists? I think not.

The first duty of government is that of protectiing it's people. Only governments can change the rules, and if they do so, imagination and creativity will be unleashed and new solutions found. Resolution 41 seeks to silence a call to actiion that would motivate governments to reverse our headlong march towards the UNINHABITABLE EARTH written about in the new book by David Wallace-Wells.

Please listen to the students demonstrating in Europe and elsewhere who are frightened by the world we are leaving them to live in. Out time to act is short; our duty to stop climate change is clear. The consequences of doing nothing will be a world of increased suffering and violence.

Sharon Monod
Lansing, Michigan