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Recognizing the duty of the Federal Government to implement an agenda to Transform, Heal, and Renew by Investing in a Vibrant Economy (“THRIVE”).

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RESOLUTION

Recognizing the duty of the Federal Government to implement an agenda to Transform, Heal, and Renew by Investing in a Vibrant Economy (“THRIVE”).

Whereas families and communities throughout the United States share similar hopes and dreams of a good life that is free from worry about meeting basic needs, with reliable and fulfilling work, a dignified and healthy standard of living, and the ability to enjoy time with loved ones;

Whereas the United States faces the stress of multiple, overlapping crises—old and new—that prevent the achievement of these fundamental human rights and needs, in which the COVID–19 pandemic has killed over 180,000 United States residents; tens of millions of United States workers remain unemployed; rising economic inequality has made working families vulnerable; tens of millions of individuals do not get the health care they need; and intensifying climate change increases the threats to our health, economy, and livelihoods;

Whereas these health, economic, and climate crises have magnified centuries-old injustices, causing high rates of death and hardship among Black, Brown, and Indigenous communities due to long-standing systemic racism—a fact spotlighted by an emerging, multiracial movement to end violence against Black people;

Whereas these crises are causing the inequitable workloads of women—particularly women of color—to grow, especially as women of color overwhelmingly make up the essential workforce, bearing the weight of the increased care needs of children, the elderly, and the sick;

Whereas, even before the COVID–19 crisis, many rural communities and independent family farmers suffered from poverty, declining economic opportunity, and alarming rates of farm bankruptcy, including loss of land from Black farmers and the exploitation of Black, Brown, and Indigenous farmers caused by predatory and racist public, private, and governmental institutions and policies;

Whereas the root of our interlocking economic and environmental crises is society’s historical willingness to treat some communities and workers as disposable;

Whereas it is necessary to counteract systemic injustice and value the dignity of all individuals in order to address unemployment, pandemics, or climate change and ensure the survival of the Nation and the planet;

Whereas the choices made in response to these crises will shape the United States direction for the 21st century and beyond, offering an opportunity to reshape our society to provide a good life for each of us and for our children and grandchildren; and

Whereas the United States has the means to support fulfilling livelihoods for millions of people—Black, Indigenous, Brown, Latinx, Asian/Pacific Islander, White, immigrant, urban and rural, old and young, of many faiths, genders, abilities, and talents—while working to heal harms, protect communities, and invest in a future that fosters justice, not crisis: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-

2 resentatives that—

3 (1) it is the duty of the Federal Government to

4 respond to the crises of racial injustice, mass unem-

ployment, a pandemic, and climate change with a bold and holistic national mobilization, an Agenda to Transform, Heal, and Renew by Investing in a Vibrant Economy (“THRIVE”) (referred to in this resolving clause as the “Agenda”), to build a society that enables—

(A) greater racial, economic, and gender justice;

(B) dignified work;

(C) healthy communities; and

(D) a stable climate; and

(2) such Agenda shall be assessed upon its ability to uphold its foundational pillars, including—

(A) creating millions of good, safe jobs with access to unions by—

(i) investing in projects including—

(I) upgrading our broken infrastructure to expand access to clean and affordable energy, transportation, high-speed broadband, and water, particularly for public systems;

(II) modernizing and retrofitting millions of homes, schools, offices, and industrial buildings to cut pollution and costs;

1 (III) investing in public health
2 and care work, including by increasing
3 jobs, protections, wages, and benefits
4 for the historically unpaid and under-
5 valued work of caring for children, the
6 elderly, and the sick;

7 (IV) protecting and restoring
8 wetlands, forests, and public lands,
9 and cleaning up pollution in our com-
10 munities;

11 (V) creating opportunities for
12 family farmers and rural communities,
13 including by untangling the hyper-
14 consolidated food supply chain, bol-
15 stering regenerative agriculture, and
16 investing in local and regional food
17 systems that support farmers, agricul-
18 tural workers, healthy soil, and cli-
19 mate resilience; and

20 (VI) developing and transforming
21 the industrial base of the United
22 States, while creating high-skill, high-
23 wage manufacturing jobs across the
24 country, including by expanding man-
25 ufacturing of clean technologies, re-

1 ducing industrial pollution, and
2 prioritizing clean, domestic manufac-
3 turing for the aforementioned invest-
4 ments;

5 (ii) prioritizing the mobilization of di-
6 rect public investments, while excluding
7 false solutions that—

8 (I) increase inequality;

9 (II) privatize public lands, water,
10 or nature;

11 (III) violate human rights;

12 (IV) expedite the destruction of
13 ecosystems; or

14 (V) decrease union density or
15 membership;

16 (iii) driving investment toward real
17 full employment, where every individual
18 who wishes to work has a viable pathway
19 to a meaningful and dignified job with the
20 right to form a union, including by estab-
21 lishing new public employment programs,
22 as necessary; and

23 (iv) subjecting each job created under
24 this Agenda to high-road labor standards
25 that—

1 (I) require family-sustaining
2 wages and benefits, including child
3 care support;

4 (II) ensure safe workplaces;

5 (III) protect the rights of work-
6 ers to organize; and

7 (IV) prioritize the hiring of local
8 workers to ensure wages stay within
9 communities to stimulate economic ac-
10 tivity;

11 (B) building the power of workers to fight
12 inequality by—

13 (i) reversing the corporate erosion of
14 workers' organizing rights and bargaining
15 power so that millions of new clean energy
16 jobs, as well as millions of existing low-
17 wage jobs across the economy, become the
18 family-supporting union jobs that everyone
19 deserves, including by—

20 (I) passing the bipartisan Pro-
21 tecting the Right to Organize Act;

22 (II) repealing the ban on sec-
23 ondary boycotts;

1 (III) requiring employer neu-
2 trality with regard to union orga-
3 nizing;

4 (IV) ensuring that “franchising”
5 and other corporate structures may
6 not be used to hinder collective bar-
7 gaining on a company-wide, regional,
8 or national basis;

9 (V) advancing sectoral bar-
10 gaining in certain economic sectors;
11 and

12 (VI) ensuring that no workers
13 are misclassified as “independent con-
14 tractors;”

15 (ii) expanding union representation
16 for all workers; and

17 (iii) creating ladders of opportunity,
18 particularly for women and people of color,
19 to access registered apprenticeship and
20 pre-apprenticeship programs in commu-
21 nities of all sizes across the country;

22 (C) investing in Black, Brown, and Indige-
23 nous communities to build power and counter-
24 act racial and gender injustice by—

1 (i) directing at least 40 percent of in-
2 vestments to communities that have been
3 excluded, oppressed, and harmed by racist
4 and unjust practices, including—

5 (I) communities of color;

6 (II) low-income communities;

7 (III) deindustrialized commu-
8 nities; and

9 (IV) communities facing environ-
10 mental injustice;

11 (ii) ensuring that investments in these
12 communities enable—

13 (I) the creation of good jobs with
14 family-sustaining wages;

15 (II) economic ownership opportu-
16 nities that close the racial wealth gap;

17 (III) pollution reduction;

18 (IV) climate resilience;

19 (V) small business support;

20 (VI) economic opportunities for
21 independent family farmers and
22 ranchers; and

23 (VII) the expansion of public
24 services;

1 (iii) ensuring that affected commu-
2 nities have the power to democratically
3 plan, implement, and administer these
4 projects;

5 (iv) prioritizing local and equitable
6 hiring and contracting that creates oppor-
7 tunities for—

8 (I) people of color;

9 (II) immigrants, regardless of
10 immigration status;

11 (III) formerly incarcerated indi-
12 viduals;

13 (IV) women;

14 (V) LGBTQIAP+ individuals;

15 (VI) disabled and chronically ill
16 individuals; and

17 (VII) marginalized communities;

18 and

19 (v) providing access to quality work-
20 force training, including through registered
21 apprenticeships and pre-apprenticeships to
22 ensure real pathways to good careers, in-
23 cluding those that have historically been
24 inaccessible;

1 (D) strengthening and healing the nation-
2 to-nation relationship with sovereign Native Na-
3 tions, including by—

4 (i) making systemic changes in Fed-
5 eral policies to honor the environmental
6 and social trust responsibilities to Native
7 Nations and their Peoples, which are es-
8 sential to tackling society’s economic, envi-
9 ronmental, and health crises;

10 (ii) strengthening Tribal sovereignty
11 and enforcing Indian treaty rights by mov-
12 ing towards greater recognition and sup-
13 port of the inherent self-governance and
14 sovereignty of these nations and their
15 members; and

16 (iii) promulgating specific initiatives
17 that reflect the nuanced relationships be-
18 tween the Native Nations, including—

19 (I) the confirmation by Congress
20 that Tribal nations can exercise their
21 full and inherent civil regulatory and
22 adjudicatory authority over their own
23 citizens, lands, and resources, and
24 over activities within their Tribal
25 lands;

1 (II) the codification of Free,
2 Prior, and Informed Consent as it re-
3 lates to Tribal consultation; and

4 (III) the implementation of the
5 United Nations Declaration on the
6 Rights of Indigenous Peoples, without
7 qualification;

8 (E) combating environmental injustice and
9 ensuring healthy lives for all, including by—

10 (i) curtailing air, water, and land pol-
11 lution from all sources;

12 (ii) removing health hazards from
13 communities;

14 (iii) replacing lead pipes to ensure
15 clean water is available to all;

16 (iv) remediating the cumulative health
17 and environmental impacts of toxic pollu-
18 tion and climate change;

19 (v) ensuring that affected commu-
20 nities have equitable access to public
21 health resources that have been system-
22 ically denied, which includes—

23 (I) upgrading unhealthy and
24 overcrowded homes, public schools,
25 and public hospitals;

1 (II) ensuring access to healthy
 2 food, mental health support, and re-
 3 storative justice; and

4 (III) investing in universal
 5 childcare, care for individuals with
 6 disabilities, senior care, and a robust
 7 care workforce; and

8 (vi) focusing these initiatives in Black,
 9 Brown, and Indigenous communities that
 10 have endured disproportionately high death
 11 rates from COVID–19 due to higher expo-
 12 sure to air pollution and other cumulative
 13 health hazards as a result of decades of en-
 14 vironmental racism;

15 (F) averting climate and environmental ca-
 16 tastrophe, including by—

17 (i) contributing to a livable climate
 18 and environment for today and for future
 19 generations, including by—

20 (I) staying below 1.5 degrees Cel-
 21 sius of global warming;

22 (II) building climate resilience to
 23 keep communities safe; and

24 (III) ensuring sustainable re-
 25 source use;

1 (ii) deploying investments and stand-
2 ards in the electricity, transportation,
3 buildings, manufacturing, lands, and agri-
4 cultural sectors to spur the largest expan-
5 sion in history of clean, renewable energy,
6 emissions reductions, climate resilience,
7 and sustainable resource use;

8 (iii) transforming the power sector in
9 order to move the country, by not later
10 than 2035, to carbon pollution-free elec-
11 tricity that passes an environmental justice
12 screen to prevent concentrating pollution
13 in Black, Brown, and Indigenous commu-
14 nities;

15 (iv) prioritizing materials and parts
16 that meet high labor, environmental, and
17 human rights standards throughout the
18 supply chain;

19 (v) supporting sustainable, domestic
20 production of healthy, nutritious food that
21 pays independent farmers and ranchers a
22 fair price for their land stewardship; and

23 (vi) ensuring that funding under this
24 Agenda goes to workers and communities
25 affected by the economic and environ-

1 mental crises, not to corporate fossil fuel
2 polluters;

3 (G) ensuring fairness for workers and com-
4 munities affected by economic transitions by—

5 (i) guaranteeing that workers and
6 communities in industries and regions in
7 economic transition due to COVID–19, cli-
8 mate change, and other economic shocks
9 receive—

10 (I) stable wages and benefits, in-
11 cluding full pension and health care;

12 (II) early retirement offerings;

13 (III) crisis and trauma support;

14 and

15 (IV) equitable job placement; and

16 (ii) investing in transitioning areas to
17 support—

18 (I) economic diversification;

19 (II) high quality job creation;

20 (III) community reinvestment;

21 (IV) retooling and conversion;

22 (V) reclamation and remediation
23 of closed and abandoned facilities and
24 sites;

1 (VI) child and adult care infra-
2 structure; and

3 (VII) funding to shore up budget
4 shortfalls in local and State govern-
5 ments; and

6 (H) reinvesting in public sector institutions
7 that enable workers and communities to thrive
8 by—

9 (i) rebuilding vital public services and
10 strengthening social infrastructure in cities
11 and counties, health care systems, schools,
12 the postal service, and other services;

13 (ii) investing in equitable public edu-
14 cation opportunities, including career and
15 technical education pathways that prepare
16 youth—especially girls; Black, Brown, and
17 Indigenous students; students with disabil-
18 ities; students from low-income families;
19 and other students from marginalized
20 groups—for high-quality jobs of the future,
21 and state of the art technology and
22 schools, so that from the beginning stu-
23 dents are prepared to transform society
24 and preserve democracy;

1 (iii) investing in the workers who pro-
2 vide care to children, the elderly, and com-
3 munities burdened by neglect;

4 (iv) creating new public institutions,
5 inspired by and improving upon New Deal-
6 era institutions, to ensure universal access
7 to critical resources and to strategically
8 and coherently mobilize and channel in-
9 vestments, in line with the above priorities,
10 at the scale and pace that these times re-
11 quire; and

12 (v) coupling this institutional renewal
13 with democratic governance and account-
14 ability to correct the systemic misallocation
15 of resources and representation that pre-
16 vents families and communities from meet-
17 ing fundamental human needs and pur-
18 suing fulfilling lives.

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