Wilmington, Delaware
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Sponsor:

Council Member Cabrera

WHEREAS, H.R. (House Resolution) 8330, also known as the Stop Climate Shakedowns Act of 2026, was introduced to prohibit states from imposing liability on persons engaged in the extraction and trade of fossil fuel energy sources due to the deleterious effects of such trade on the environment; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wilmington has taken proactive steps to address the impacts of climate change, including the Resilient Wilmington Initiative that aims to identify and address Wilmington's vulnerability to rising temperatures, changes in rainfall patterns, rising sea levels, and other environmental risks; and

WHEREAS, Wilmington also works in collaboration with the DNREC (Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control) Division of Climate, Coastal and Energy Delaware Climate Action Plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to net zero, develop environmentally sustainable land use practices, implement climate adaptation and disaster preparedness measures, and prepare Delaware's workforce to meet the State's clean energy needs; and

WHEREAS, according to DNREC's most recent public perception survey, 74% of Delawareans remain very or somewhat concerned about climate change, 66% of Delawareans agree that Delaware should take more action to reduce climate change, and 78% support requiring stricter pollution controls on industrial facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Stop Climate Shakedowns Act of 2026 was introduced in the United States House of Representatives on April 16, 2026 by Representative Harriet M. Hageman of Wyoming, and currently has 24 cosponsors. The Stop Climate Shakedowns Act of 2026 would

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severely limit the capacity of our State and City to combat environmental harms by establishing a statute that prohibits the filing of any climate suit or action to implement or enforce a climate liability law that is brought against any person engaged in fossil fuel energy trade, requires any pending suits or actions to be immediately dismissed, and renders any current or future state climate liability law null and void; and

WHEREAS, the Stop Climate Shakedowns Act of 2026 has been condemned and opposed by 10 U.S. governors, 21 state attorneys general and local officials, 11 U.S. representatives, and 390 public interest and environmental groups. The Council of the City of Wilmington respectfully urges the Honorable U.S. Representative Sarah McBride to join her colleagues in opposing H.R. 8330.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON that this Council expresses strong opposition to H.R. (House Resolution) 8330, also known as the Stop Climate Shakedowns Act of 2026, which would protect fossil fuel companies from liability for damages resulting from climate change.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Council urges the Honorable U.S. Representative Sarah McBride to oppose H.R. 8330, should it be placed on the agenda for a vote.

Passed by City Council,

ATTEST:_____
City Clerk

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SYNOPSIS: This Resolution expresses strong opposition to H.R. (House Resolution) 8330, also known as the Stop Climate Shakedowns Act of 2026, which aims to do the following: 1) prohibit climate liability suits from being filed against fossil fuel companies, 2) require the dismissal of any pending climate liability suit or action, and 3) render any current or future state climate liability law null and void, thereby protecting fossil fuel companies from liability for damages resulting from climate change. It further urges the Honorable U.S. Representative Sarah McBride to oppose H.R. 8330, should it be placed on the agenda for a vote.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT: De minimis.

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