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Jennifer Evans submitted a new eComment.

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Item: 1. 210894 Substitute resolution relating to the appropriation of the remainder of the first tranche of American Rescue Plan Act funds.

eComment: To avoid climate disaster and irreversible damage to our planet, we must reduce global greenhouse gas emissions 50% by 2030, and 100% by 2050. That only gives us eight years to meet that first benchmark. Perhaps you see that we have more immediate concerns to deal with, including housing, violence, and hunger. I share your concerns. But I am also aware that climate change has a multiplier effect. The direct effect of climate change will exacerbate these problems. It is essential that ARPA funds be targeted to those programs, such as home energy efficiency, transit services, green infrastructure, and training for green jobs, that will reduce our reliance on fossil fuels and aid the transition to a green economy. The most recent report from the IPCC is clear. This is, to quote UN Secretary-General António Guterres, ..a code red for humanity. The alarm bells are deafening, and the evidence is irrefutable: greenhouse gas emissions from fossil-fuel burning and deforestation are choking our planet and putting billions of

people at immediate risk. Global heating is affecting every region on Earth, with many of the changes becoming irreversible.

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