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Expressing the sense of Congress that a proposed cross-border fee for vehicles and pedestrians entering the United States from Canada or Mexico is unwise and should not be enacted.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LAFALCE (for himself and Mr. DE LA GARZA) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of Congress that a proposed cross-border fee for vehicles and pedestrians entering the United States from Canada or Mexico is unwise and should not be enacted.

Whereas the President's proposed budget includes a proposal that would levy an entry fee of \$3.00 for each vehicle entering the United States and \$1.50 for each pedestrian entering the United States at border crossings between the United States and the nations of Canada and Mexico;

Whereas imposition of any such fees will have devastating consequences for border communities along both the Western and Southern borders of the United States;

Whereas imposition of any such fees will adversely and seriously affect commerce among the United States, Canada, and Mexico;

Whereas imposition of any such fees violates the spirit of free trade in general and, in particular, the United States-Canada Free Trade Agreement and the North American Free Trade Agreement;

Whereas imposition of any such fees would be, in actuality, an unreasonable and unfair tax on border crossings; and

Whereas imposition of any such fees would be likely to result in the imposition of similar fees on the part of the Canadian and Mexican governments, thus exacerbating the adverse economic impacts noted above: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring)*, That it is the sense of Congress that cross-
3 border entry fees or taxes on vehicles and/or pedestrians
4 seeking to enter the United States from Canada or Mex-
5 ico, such as those proposed in the President's budget, are
6 economically unsound and are likely to result in retaliatory
7 fees or taxes on the part of the Canadian and Mexican
8 Governments, and therefore such fees should not be im-
9 posed by the United States, and the President is urged
10 to remove this proposal from his budget recommendations.

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