**A Resolution to Import Raw Materials for Bioplastics from Southeast Asia**

**WHEREAS**, single-use plastics take up to 450 years to decompose; and

**WHEREAS**, bioplastics are an innovative technology that can help combat climate change and aid the environmental crisis; and

**WHEREAS**, the majority of Southeast Asia makes their livelihood through agriculture; and

**WHEREAS**, increasing our imports of raw agricultural materials is necessary to increase the production of bioplastics; and

**WHEREAS**, trade agreements can stimulate both domestic and international economies, as well as combat Chinese economic expansion; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, By the Congress here assembled that the US engage in diplomatic endeavors to secure trade agreements for raw materials from Southeast Asia for bioplastics; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED,** thatthe Congress here assembled strongly advises against engaging in any and all agricultural or bioplastics trade with China.

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