

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 910, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. CLEAVER OF MISSOURI**

At the end of the bill, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 5. RECOGNIZING THE NEGATIVE EFFECTS OF CLI-**
2 **MATE CHANGE ON COMMUNITIES OF COLOR.**

3 Congress accepts the following findings of the 2004
4 report, commissioned by the Congressional Black Caucus
5 Foundation, *African Americans and Climate Change: an*
6 *Unequal Burden*:

7 (1) Global climate change will disproportionately
8 affect communities of color.

9 (2) While the impacts of climate change are
10 global, the effects are not spread evenly across the
11 world.

12 (3) Climate change is likely to have different
13 impacts on different socioeconomic and racial
14 groups.

15 (4) African Americans are unequally impacted
16 by deaths and illnesses during heat waves, and cli-
17 mate change is likely to increase the incidents of
18 these events.

19 (5) Already, over 70 percent of African Ameri-
20 cans live in counties in violation of Federal air

1 standards, and air standards are likely to decline
2 further as rising temperatures from climate change
3 enhance the conditions for ozone formation.

4 (6) African Americans have a 36 percent higher
5 rate of asthma than Caucasians, making them
6 disproportionately affected by increased ozone pollu-
7 tion levels that develop from a warming climate.
8 People with lung diseases, like asthma, are at risk
9 for reduced lung function after regularly breathing
10 high levels of ozone.

11 (7) African Americans are 50 percent more
12 likely to be uninsured, so they will be
13 disproportionately burdened by increased rates of dis-
14 eases due to warming temperatures or extreme
15 weather events amplified by climate change.

16 (8) Unemployment and economic hardship asso-
17 ciated with climate change will fall most heavily on
18 the African American community, since economic
19 transitions strike hardest at those without savings or
20 resources to adapt.

21 (9) African American workers are likely to be
22 laid off disproportionately due to the economic insta-
23 bility caused by climate change.

