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Senators Schiavoni, Gentile

**Cosponsors: Senators Tavares, Brown, Cafaro, Skindell, Thomas, Yuko,
Williams**

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge the Congress of the United States, and in 1
particular the Ohio Congressional delegation, to 2
vote against Fast Track Legislation. 3

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF OHIO (THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING):**

WHEREAS, It is the duty of Congress, under Article I, 4
Section 8 of the United States Constitution, to regulate 5
commerce with foreign nations to the benefit of the United 6
States; and 7

WHEREAS, Under Fast Track Legislation, also known as 8
Trade Promotion Authority, Congress abdicates its right to 9
amend or significantly debate trade agreements, allowing only 10
a "yes" or "no" vote, with no possibility of improvement for 11
American companies or American workers; and 12

WHEREAS, No trade agreement has ever been defeated under 13
Fast Track Rules; and 14

WHEREAS, Trade agreements under Fast Track Rules are 15
negotiated in secret, with no input from the public; and 16

WHEREAS, The United States trade agreements that have 17

been enacted under Fast Track Rules--including the North 18
American Free Trade Agreement, the Central America Free Trade 19
Agreement, and the Korean-US Free Trade Agreement--have 20
resulted in sixty thousand manufacturing facilities closing 21
in the United States and the loss of over seven million 22
manufacturing jobs; and 23

WHEREAS, Previous trade agreements enacted under Fast 24
Track Rules have "lose to win" enforcement mechanisms, i.e., 25
the United States has to lose jobs in order to win a ruling 26
enforcing the trade agreement if it is violated by another 27
party; and 28

WHEREAS, The job losses attributable to trade agreements 29
enacted under Fast Track Rules have impacted states and local 30
communities through smaller tax bases and lost revenue; now 31
therefore be it 32

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 131st General 33
Assembly of the State of Ohio, on behalf of all citizens of 34
this state, urge the Congress of the United States, and in 35
particular the Ohio Congressional delegation, to vote against 36
Fast Track Legislation; and be it further 37

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit duly 38
authenticated copies of this resolution to the President of 39
the United States, the President Pro Tempore and Secretary of 40
the United States Senate, the Speaker and Clerk of the United 41
States House of Representatives, each member of the Ohio 42
Congressional delegation, and the news media of Ohio. 43