

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge the U.S. Congress to lift the prohibition on the export of crude oil from the United States.

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Ohio (the House of Representatives concurring):

WHEREAS, Beginning with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act of 1975, the U.S. Congress has prohibited the export of crude oil from the United States; and

WHEREAS, The 1970s saw high oil prices as a result of the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries' withholding of production and a need to increase domestic energy production and supply to provide for energy independence. Thus, the prohibition originally was intended to preserve domestic price ceilings by preventing domestic producers from receiving higher world oil prices and to preserve a depleting domestic reserve; and

WHEREAS, Since that time, the use of directional drilling and hydraulic fracturing technologies in shale formations in the United States has made this country more crude oil independent. Additionally, the United States is currently exporting over four million barrels of refined products, such as gasoline, each day; and

WHEREAS, The continued oil production in Ohio and across the country is providing an opportunity for economic growth and stability through the export of crude oil. Thus, the prohibition on exports of crude oil is no longer necessary; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 131st General Assembly of the State of Ohio, urge the U.S. Congress to lift the prohibition on the export of crude oil from the United States; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, the U.S. Secretary of Commerce, the U.S. Secretary of Energy, the President Pro Tempore and Minority Leader of the U.S. Senate, the Speaker and Minority Leader of the U.S. House of Representatives, and the members of the Ohio Congressional delegation.

Speaker _____ of the House of Representatives.

President _____ of the Senate.

Adopted _____, 20____