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A R E S O L U T I O N

To urge the Congress of the United States to enact, 1
and the President of the United States to sign, 2
legislation to extend and expand the current 3
federal tax credit for carbon capture, 4
utilization, and storage, and to urge the 5
Congress to support other policies relating to 6
energy generation and protecting the environment. 7

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF
OHIO:**

WHEREAS, Fossil fuels currently provide a majority of U.S. 8
and global primary energy generation and will continue to do so 9
for at least the next 25 years according to the International 10
Energy Agency; and 11

WHEREAS, The United States and Ohio in particular have 12
abundant supplies of fossil fuels that provide vital economic, 13
energy, and national security benefits to our country and state; 14
and 15

WHEREAS, Ohio is one of the country's largest producers of 16
coal and natural gas. Ohio also is one of the largest consumers 17
of coal for electricity generation and coking purposes, and of 18

natural gas for industrial uses; and 19

WHEREAS, Recognition of the value and enduring role of 20
fossil fuels as an essential source of energy has led 21
environmental advocates to support the development and 22
deployment of carbon capture technology for fossil fuels as part 23
of a sustainable energy future; and 24

WHEREAS, Ohio has long been committed to, and is a leader 25
in, the research and development of technologies that provide 26
clean, safe, and reliable power generation. Continued research 27
and development of carbon reduction strategies for fossil fuels, 28
including geological sequestration and increased efficiency in 29
energy generation, is a key element of a forward-looking 30
sustainable energy strategy for Ohio that will maximize 31
environmental benefits and economic opportunities; and 32

WHEREAS, Environmental and energy advocates joined with 33
labor unions to work on and support legislation in the 114th 34
Congress that would have enhanced and extended current federal 35
tax incentives to encourage the energy, manufacturing, and 36
agricultural sectors to adopt and deploy existing and emerging 37
technologies that increase carbon capture, utilization, and 38
storage; and 39

WHEREAS, Similar legislation has been introduced in the 40
115th Congress. In addition, Congressional leadership and the 41
President of the United States are considering introducing 42
legislation to strengthen our country's infrastructure. This 43
legislation also could serve as a vehicle for advancing "jobs- 44
ready" carbon capture projects; now therefore be it 45

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of 46
Representatives of the 132nd General Assembly of the State of 47
Ohio, urge the Congress of the United States to enact, and the 48
President of the United States to sign, legislation to extend 49
and expand the current federal tax credit for carbon capture, 50

utilization, and storage under Section 45Q of the Internal Revenue Code; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of Representatives of the 132nd General Assembly of the State of Ohio, urge Congress to support the inclusion of economically and environmentally beneficial carbon capture projects in any future legislation relating to infrastructure improvement; to support policies to increase the operational efficiency, and thus the environmental performance, of existing electric-generating units in the U.S.; and to support the preservation of a fuel-diverse electric generation portfolio, which is critical to our country's economic, energy, and national security; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives send duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, the Ohio Congressional delegation, and the news media of Ohio.