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A RESOLUTION

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.
and global primary energy generation and will continue to do so
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for at least the next 25 years according to the International
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Energy Agency; and
WHEREAS, The United States and Ohio in particular have
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abundant supplies of fossil fuels that provide vital economic,
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energy, and national security benefits to our country and state; and

WHEREAS, Ohio is one of the country's largest producers of16coal and natural gas. Ohio also is one of the largest consumers17of coal for electricity generation and coking purposes, and of18

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natural gas for industrial uses; and

WHEREAS, Recognition of the value and enduring role of20fossil fuels as an essential source of energy has led21environmental advocates to support the development and22deployment of carbon capture technology for fossil fuels as part23of a sustainable energy future; and24

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

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

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

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

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utilization, and storage under Section 45Q of the Internal	51
Revenue Code; and be it further	52
RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of	53
Representatives of the 132nd General Assembly of the State of	54
Ohio, urge Congress to support the inclusion of economically and	55
environmentally beneficial carbon capture projects in any future	56
legislation relating to infrastructure improvement; to support	57
policies to increase the operational efficiency, and thus the	58
environmental performance, of existing electric-generating units	59
in the U.S.; and to support the preservation of a fuel-diverse	60
electric generation portfolio, which is critical to our	61
country's economic, energy, and national security; and be it	62
further	63
RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives	64
send duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the	65
President of the United States, the Ohio Congressional	66
delegation, and the news media of Ohio.	67