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**Senator Brown**

**Cosponsors: Senators Skindell, Williams, Schiavoni**

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**A C O N C U R R E N T R E S O L U T I O N**

To urge Congress and the President of the United States 1  
to support a federal budget that retains Amtrak 2  
passenger service in Ohio. 3

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

WHEREAS, The President of the United States' current budget 4  
proposes to end Amtrak passenger train service in Ohio. The 5  
budget proposal calls for all long-distance trains to be 6  
eliminated so that Amtrak can concentrate on improving the 7  
efficiency of its shorter commuter corridors. Eliminating the 8  
long-distance routes would bring an end to all intercity train 9  
service in approximately 23 states that Amtrak now serves, 10  
including Ohio; and 11

WHEREAS, The Ohio routes proposed to be eliminated include 12  
the Lake Shore Limited and Capitol Limited trains that make 13  
daily eastbound and westbound stops in Toledo and Cleveland, and 14  
the Cardinal train that makes three trips per week each way 15  
through Cincinnati; and 16

WHEREAS, Toledo's Amtrak station and all of its 17  
counterparts in Ohio would lose passenger train service as part 18  
of the proposed budget. Last year the Amtrak trains passing 19

through the Toledo station served 55,536 people. The proposed 20  
budget may constrain Ohioans' options for travel from Toledo and 21  
other locations in Ohio and will reduce revenue that currently 22  
is used to maintain railroad station facilities, including the 23  
Amtrak building in Toledo, which also houses Toledo's Greyhound 24  
bus station; now therefore be it 25

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 132nd General 26  
Assembly of the State of Ohio, in adopting this resolution, urge 27  
the Congress of the United States to remove provisions of the 28  
current proposed federal budget that eliminate funding for 29  
Amtrak services in Ohio; and be it further 30

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 132nd General 31  
Assembly of the State of Ohio, urge the President of the United 32  
States to support a federal budget that maintains Amtrak 33  
passenger train service in Ohio; and be it further 34

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit duly 35  
authenticated copies of this resolution to the President of the 36  
United States, the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House 37  
of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore and Secretary of 38  
the United States Senate, each member of the Ohio Congressional 39  
delegation, and the news media of Ohio. 40