

# A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge the Congress of the United States to enact various bills advancing the development of an Appalachian storage hub.

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

WHEREAS, The Appalachian region, including parts of Kentucky, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and all of West Virginia, contains world class supplies of natural gas and natural gas liquids (NGL) that contribute to the country's energy dominance; and

WHEREAS, Harnessing those supplies by constructing an Appalachian storage hub involves major investments in infrastructure, including storage caverns and pipelines, and implementation of a significant jobs program for the residents of the Appalachian region; and

WHEREAS, Natural gas liquids are the major feedstock of the chemical industry and the region contains enough feedstock to attract \$35 billion in new chemical and plastics industry investment. Chemical and plastic industry investments of this scale could create 100,000 new jobs, \$28 billion in new economic output, more than \$6 billion in annual payroll, and nearly \$3 billion a year in new federal, state, and local tax revenue; and

WHEREAS, Enactment of the federal "Appalachian Energy and Manufacturing Revitalization Act" would improve the infrastructure permitting process by directing the Secretaries of Energy and Commerce to approve projects related to the Appalachian storage hub, identify the lead federal and state agency liaisons, and coordinate with them on designating the project; and

WHEREAS, The bill directs the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to consider relevant licenses and permits for the requisite pipeline infrastructure, and then requires the other federal agencies to complete consideration of their respective permits within 60 days of the completion of the FERC licensing or have their jurisdictional permits deemed approved; and

WHEREAS, In addition to the "Appalachian Energy and Manufacturing Revitalization Act," the "Capitalizing American Storage Potential Act" would make a regional NGL storage hub eligible for the Department of Energy's successful Title XVII loan guarantee program, and the "Appalachian Ethane Storage Hub Study Act of 2017" would help assess the feasibility and potential benefits of establishing a subterranean ethane storage and distribution hub in central Appalachia; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 132nd General Assembly of the State of Ohio, urge the Congress of the United States to enact bills advancing the development of an Appalachian storage hub, including all of the following:

- The "Appalachian Energy and Manufacturing Revitalization Act of 2017";
- The "Capitalizing American Storage Potential Act"; and
- The "Appalachian Ethane Storage Hub Study Act of 2017"; 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 President Pro Tempore and Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, each member of the Ohio, West Virginia, Kentucky, and Pennsylvania Congressional delegations, and the news media of Ohio.

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*Speaker \_\_\_\_\_ of the House of Representatives.*

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*President \_\_\_\_\_ of the Senate.*

Adopted \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_