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Cosponsors: Senators Thomas, Tavares, Williams, Schiavoni, Yuko

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

To urge the federal government to provide adequate 1
financial support for conducting the 2020 census and 2
to encourage the United States Census Bureau to pursue 3
policies that will produce an accurate population 4
count in a timely manner. 5

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

WHEREAS, The United States Constitution requires a census 6
to be conducted every ten years to count every resident in the 7
United States; and 8

WHEREAS, The census count is required to determine how to 9
apportion the United States House of Representatives among the 10
states; and 11

WHEREAS, The census count is used by states to update the 12
boundaries of congressional and state legislative districts; and 13

WHEREAS, The census count is used by states to effectively 14
and adequately distribute funds and resources for state and 15
federal programs available to residents of that state; and 16

WHEREAS, The latest funding proposals for the 2020 census 17
will be inadequate to ensure an accurate count of the United 18

States population; and	19
WHEREAS, There are certain populations, specifically racial	20
and ethnic minorities and those living in poverty, that are	21
often undercounted in the census; and	22
WHEREAS, The proposed lack of adequate funding and	23
resources will weaken the operations intended to specifically	24
reach the populations that are often undercounted; and	25
WHEREAS, There are new strategies that have been proposed	26
for more efficient and effective data collection to ensure an	27
accurate count, which are the use of in-office address	28
canvassing, use of internet self-responses, and use of	29
administrative resources; now therefore be it	30
RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 132nd General	31
Assembly of the State of Ohio, urge the federal government to	32
provide adequate financial support for conducting the 2020	33
census; and be it further	34
RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 132nd General	35
Assembly of the State of Ohio, urge the federal government to	36
encourage the United States Census Bureau to pursue policies and	37
strategies that will help ensure an accurate population count of	38
every resident in a timely manner; and be it further	39
RESOVLED, That the Clerk of the Ohio Senate transmit duly	40
authenticated copies of this resolution to the President Pro	41
Tempore and Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker	42
and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, the	43
members of the Ohio Congressional delegation, the Director of	44
the United States Census Bureau, and the news media of Ohio.	45