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

Urging Congress to expand Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program eligibility to include the households of striking workers.

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

WHEREAS, The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) is a food assistance program designed to raise the nutrition levels, expand the buying power, and safeguard the health and well-being of low-income individuals in Ohio and throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, According to the most recent caseload report from the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, there are more than 1.3 million Ohioans currently receiving SNAP benefits at an average monthly issuance of $125; and

WHEREAS, Federal law provides that households that include a person who is on strike because of a labor dispute are not eligible for SNAP benefits unless they were eligible the day...
before the strike and continue to be eligible at the time of application; and

WHEREAS, Denying necessary food assistance to the entire household of a striking worker punishes the children and other family members in the household, potentially condemning them to suffer from hunger and malnutrition; and

WHEREAS, This law hurts workers and families who are already struggling with financial hardship as a result of the strike; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 133rd General Assembly of the State of Ohio, urge Congress to eliminate current SNAP restrictions that deny benefits to households that include a striking member; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture, each member of the Ohio congressional delegation, and the news media of Ohio.