A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge the Congress and the President of the United States to prohibit internet service providers from terminating internet service to residential customers and small businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

WHEREAS, The President of the United States and Governor of Ohio have each declared a state of emergency due to the current COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, students across the country are reliant on the internet to continue their education through online learning; and

WHEREAS, People across the country are reliant on the internet to work remotely, seek employment, keep in touch with friends and family, and keep informed of the latest news on the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, The Federal Communications Commission has issued the Keep Americans Connected Pledge that encourages internet service providers not to terminate internet service to residential customers or small businesses for 60 days for their inability to pay their bills due to the disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.
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   WHEREAS, The Keep Americans Connected Pledge, however, does not provide for internet service providers to pledge to refrain from terminating internet service to residential customers or small businesses for the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic; now therefore be it

   RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 133rd General Assembly of the State of Ohio, in adopting this resolution, urge the Congress and the President of the United States to prohibit internet service providers from terminating internet service to residential customers and small businesses for the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic; and be it further

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