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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge the federal Food and Drug Administration and the 1
United States Congress to take action to prevent drug 2
shortages. 3

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

WHEREAS, The United States Government Accountability Office 4
has found that, in recent years, an increasing number of 5
prescription drugs, including life-saving and life-sustaining 6
drugs, have been in short supply, preventing patients and their 7
health care providers from accessing medications that are 8
essential for treatment; and 9

WHEREAS, Drug shortages adversely impact patient care by 10
causing the substitution of safe and effective medications with 11
alternative drugs and by compromising or delaying medical 12
treatment and procedures; and 13

WHEREAS, Drug shortages also increase health care costs and 14
burden health care providers and facilities by requiring the use 15
of more expensive drugs as substitutes and by diverting staff 16
away from direct patient care in order to manage these 17

shortages; and 18

WHEREAS, It has been reported that drug shortages result 19
from many factors, including difficulties in acquiring raw 20
materials, manufacturing problems, regulatory issues, and 21
business decisions, as well as many other disturbances within 22
the drug supply chain; and 23

WHEREAS, While shortages affect a variety of prescription 24
drugs, it has been documented that certain types are more 25
vulnerable than others, including generic drugs, oncology 26
medications, and injectable drugs; now therefore be it 27

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 133rd General Assembly 28
of the State of Ohio, urge Congress and the Food and Drug 29
Administration to enhance methods and procedures for monitoring 30
and assessing risks to the supply of critical drugs, including by 31
requiring drug manufacturers to notify the Food and Drug 32
Administration of any drug discontinuances or manufacturing 33
interruptions likely to result in disturbances within the supply 34
chain, to take action to ensure patient access to important 35
medications, to establish incentives to encourage the production 36
of drugs at risk of shortages, and to introduce any necessary 37
safeguards to prevent future drug shortages; and be it further 38

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 39
transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the 40
Commissioner of Food and Drugs, each member of the Ohio 41
Congressional delegation, and the news media of the Ohio. 42