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**Senator Yuko**

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Maharath, Sykes**

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

To reaffirm the Ohio Senate's support of the Patient 1  
Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010. 2

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

WHEREAS, As a direct result of the Patient Protection and 3  
Affordable Care Act of 2010 (ACA), the number of non-elderly, 4  
uninsured Americans has decreased by approximately 17 million 5  
people, from over 44 million in 2010 to just below 27 million in 6  
2016; and 7

WHEREAS, 2017 marked the first year since the ACA's passage 8  
that the number of uninsured people increased rather than 9  
decreased, with nearly 700,000 more uninsured people compared to 10  
the previous year; and 11

WHEREAS, Estimates from the Centers for Disease Control and 12  
Prevention (CDC) indicate that roughly 52 million adult 13  
Americans have a preexisting condition that would have resulted 14  
in them being denied coverage in the individual insurance 15  
marketplace prior to the enactment of the ACA; and 16

WHEREAS, The CDC estimates that, prior to the ACA's 17  
coverage expansions, approximately 18% of individual market 18  
applications were denied; and 19

WHEREAS, Before the ACA, 91 million Americans were covered 20  
by insurance plans that included lifetime benefit caps, 21  
typically \$1 million, and that PricewaterhouseCoopers estimated 22  
that there were approximately 20,000 to 25,000 Americans who had 23  
exceeded these benefit caps and were ineligible for further 24  
coverage; and 25

WHEREAS, The ACA allowed states to accept federal funding 26  
to expand Medicaid and Ohio is one of 37 states to have done so, 27  
allowing nearly 10 million Americans to gain coverage; and 28

WHEREAS, Prior to the Medicaid expansion, 32.4% of Ohioans 29  
aged 19 to 64 with family income at or below 138% of the federal 30  
poverty level were uninsured in 2012. This figure dropped to 31  
14.1% in 2015, meaning that the Medicaid expansion lowered the 32  
uninsured rate of this population by 18.3% in Ohio; and 33

WHEREAS, Almost one fifth of Ohioans aged 19 to 64, more 34  
than 1.26 million people, have participated in the Ohio Medicaid 35  
expansion since it began in 2015; and 36

WHEREAS, Many Medicaid expansion enrollees reported that 37  
the Medicaid expansion made it easier for them to work because 38  
they were able to obtain care for previously untreated health 39  
conditions. In the words of one enrollee: "[Medicaid] allows me 40  
to get surgery, which has allowed me to return to work."; and 41

WHEREAS, The most common reported reasons why Medicaid 42  
expansion enrollees unenrolled from Medicaid were: 43

(1) Household income increased or the respondent got a job 44  
(71.1%); 45

(2) The respondent obtained non-Medicaid health coverage 46  
(48.8%); now therefore be it 47

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 133rd General Assembly of 48  
the State of Ohio hereby reaffirms its support of the Patient 49  
Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010; and be it further 50

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit duly	51
authenticated copies of this resolution to the members of the	52
Ohio Congressional delegation, the Speaker and Clerk of the	53
United States House of Representatives, the President Pro	54
Tempore and Secretary of the United States Senate, and to the	55
news media of Ohio.	56