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**Cosponsors: Senators Hite, Hughes, LaRose, Seitz, Williams**

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

To urge the U.S. Congress to lift the prohibition on 1  
the export of crude oil from the United States. 2

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

WHEREAS, Beginning with the Energy Policy and 3  
Conservation Act of 1975, the U.S. Congress has prohibited 4  
the export of crude oil from the United States; and 5

WHEREAS, The 1970s saw high oil prices as a result of 6  
the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries' 7  
withholding of production and a need to increase domestic 8  
energy production and supply to provide for energy 9  
independence. Thus, the prohibition originally was intended 10  
to preserve domestic price ceilings by preventing domestic 11  
producers from receiving higher world oil prices and to 12  
preserve a depleting domestic reserve; and 13

WHEREAS, Since that time, the use of directional 14  
drilling and hydraulic fracturing technologies in shale 15  
formations in the United States has made this country more 16  
crude oil independent. Additionally, the United States is 17  
currently exporting over four million barrels of refined 18  
products, such as gasoline, each day; and 19

WHEREAS, The continued oil production in Ohio and across 20  
the country is providing an opportunity for economic growth 21  
and stability through the export of crude oil. Thus, the 22  
prohibition on exports of crude oil is no longer necessary; 23  
now therefore be it 24

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 131st General 25  
Assembly of the State of Ohio, urge the U.S. Congress to lift 26  
the prohibition on the export of crude oil from the United 27  
States; and be it further 28

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit duly 29  
authenticated copies of this resolution to the President of 30  
the United States, the U.S. Secretary of Commerce, the U.S. 31  
Secretary of Energy, the President Pro Tempore and Minority 32  
Leader of the U.S. Senate, the Speaker and Minority Leader of 33  
the U.S. House of Representatives, and the members of the 34  
Ohio Congressional delegation. 35