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Senator Balderson

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

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