

As Introduced

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H. R. No. 300

Representative Young

A RESOLUTION

To urge the Congress of the United States and the 1
President of the United States to repeal the 2
federal excise tax on medical devices. 3

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF
OHIO:**

WHEREAS, In 2015, the United States Congress acted to 4
suspend the federal excise tax on the sale of taxable medical 5
devices by manufacturers, producers, and importers of such 6
devices until January 1, 2018; and 7

WHEREAS, The Joint Committee on Taxation estimated that the 8
cost of repealing the tax would equal \$19.6 billion over the 9
next ten years; and 10

WHEREAS, Data from the United States Department of Commerce 11
shows that, during the period leading up to and during the 12
implementation of the medical device tax between 2012 and 2015, 13
medical technology employment declined from 401,472 to 372,638 - 14
a loss of 28,834 jobs, or a 7.2% decrease for the period; and 15

WHEREAS, The medical device tax will harm the United 16
States' global competitiveness, stunt medical innovation, and 17
restrict the ability of patients to receive the life-saving 18
medical devices and care they need; and 19

WHEREAS, The medical device tax is imposed on United States 20

sales, rather than profits, of medical device manufacturers, so 21
it will be particularly damaging to innovative start-up 22
companies; now therefore be it 23

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of 24
Representatives of the 132nd General Assembly of the State of 25
Ohio, on behalf of all citizens of this state, urge the 26
President of the United States and the Congress of the United 27
States to repeal the excise tax on medical devices; and be it 28
further 29

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 30
transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the 31
President of the United States, the President Pro Tempore and 32
Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and Clerk of 33
the United States House of Representatives, each member of the 34
Ohio Congressional delegation, and the news media of Ohio. 35