

**As Introduced**

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**S. C. R. No. 21**

**Senator Balderson**

**Cosponsors: Senators Beagle, Hoagland, Terhar, Schiavoni**

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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 Congress of the United States to enact 1  
various bills advancing the development of an 2  
Appalachian storage hub. 3

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

WHEREAS, The Appalachian region, including parts of 4  
Kentucky, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and all of West Virginia, contains 5  
world class supplies of natural gas and natural gas liquids 6  
(NGL) that contribute to the country's energy dominance; and 7

WHEREAS, Harnessing those supplies by constructing an 8  
Appalachian storage hub involves major investments in 9  
infrastructure, including storage caverns and pipelines, and 10  
implementation of a significant jobs program for the residents 11  
of the Appalachian region; and 12

WHEREAS, Natural gas liquids are the major feedstock of the 13  
chemical industry and the region contains enough feedstock to 14  
attract \$35 billion in new chemical and plastics industry 15  
investment. Chemical and plastic industry investments of this 16  
scale could create 100,000 new jobs, \$28 billion in new economic 17  
output, more than \$6 billion in annual payroll, and nearly \$3 18  
billion a year in new federal, state, and local tax revenue; and 19

WHEREAS, Enactment of the federal "Appalachian Energy and Manufacturing Revitalization Act" would improve the infrastructure permitting process by directing the Secretaries of Energy and Commerce to approve projects related to the Appalachian storage hub, identify the lead federal and state agency liaisons, and coordinate with them on designating the project; and

WHEREAS, The bill directs the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to consider relevant licenses and permits for the requisite pipeline infrastructure, and then requires the other federal agencies to complete consideration of their respective permits within 60 days of the completion of the FERC licensing or have their jurisdictional permits deemed approved; and

WHEREAS, In addition to the "Appalachian Energy and Manufacturing Revitalization Act," the "Capitalizing American Storage Potential Act" would make a regional NGL storage hub eligible for the Department of Energy's successful Title XVII loan guarantee program, and the "Appalachian Ethane Storage Hub Study Act of 2017" would help assess the feasibility and potential benefits of establishing a subterranean ethane storage and distribution hub in central Appalachia; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 132nd General Assembly of the State of Ohio, urge the Congress of the United States to enact bills advancing the development of an Appalachian storage hub, including all of the following:

--The "Appalachian Energy and Manufacturing Revitalization Act of 2017";

--The "Capitalizing American Storage Potential Act"; and

--The "Appalachian Ethane Storage Hub Study Act of 2017"; and be it further

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RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit duly 51  
authenticated copies of this resolution to the President of the 52  
United States, the President Pro Tempore and Secretary of the 53  
United States Senate, the Speaker and Clerk of the United States 54  
House of Representatives, each member of the Ohio, West 55  
Virginia, Kentucky, and Pennsylvania Congressional delegations, 56  
and the news media of Ohio. 57