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Senator Balderson

**Cosponsors: Senators Beagle, Hoagland, Terhar, Schiavoni, Burke, LaRose,
Uecker**

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 20
Manufacturing Revitalization Act" would improve the 21
infrastructure permitting process by directing the Secretaries 22
of Energy and Commerce to approve projects related to the 23
Appalachian storage hub, identify the lead federal and state 24
agency liaisons, and coordinate with them on designating the 25
project; and 26

WHEREAS, The bill directs the Federal Energy Regulatory 27
Commission (FERC) to consider relevant licenses and permits for 28
the requisite pipeline infrastructure, and then requires the 29
other federal agencies to complete consideration of their 30
respective permits within 60 days of the completion of the FERC 31
licensing or have their jurisdictional permits deemed approved; 32
and 33

WHEREAS, In addition to the "Appalachian Energy and 34
Manufacturing Revitalization Act," the "Capitalizing American 35
Storage Potential Act" would make a regional NGL storage hub 36
eligible for the Department of Energy's successful Title XVII 37
loan guarantee program, and the "Appalachian Ethane Storage Hub 38
Study Act of 2017" would help assess the feasibility and 39
potential benefits of establishing a subterranean ethane storage 40
and distribution hub in central Appalachia; now therefore be it 41

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 132nd General 42
Assembly of the State of Ohio, urge the Congress of the United 43
States to enact bills advancing the development of an 44
Appalachian storage hub, including all of the following: 45

--The "Appalachian Energy and Manufacturing Revitalization 46
Act of 2017"; 47

--The "Capitalizing American Storage Potential Act"; and 48

--The "Appalachian Ethane Storage Hub Study Act of 2017"; 49

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and be it further 50

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