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Smith, K., Cera, Patterson, Rogers, Boyd**

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

Urging Congress to expand Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program eligibility to include the households of striking workers. 1
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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF OHIO (THE SENATE CONCURRING):

WHEREAS, The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) is a food assistance program designed to raise the nutrition levels, expand the buying power, and safeguard the health and well-being of low-income individuals in Ohio and throughout the United States; and 4
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WHEREAS, According to the most recent caseload report from the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, there are more than 1.3 million Ohioans currently receiving SNAP benefits at an average monthly issuance of \$125; and 9
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WHEREAS, Federal law provides that households that include a person who is on strike because of a labor dispute are not eligible for SNAP benefits unless they were eligible the day 13
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before the strike and continue to be eligible at the time of 16
application; and 17

WHEREAS, Denying necessary food assistance to the entire 18
household of a striking worker punishes the children and other 19
family members in the household, potentially condemning them to 20
suffer from hunger and malnutrition; and 21

WHEREAS, This law hurts workers and families who are 22
already struggling with financial hardship as a result of the 23
strike; now therefore be it 24

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 133rd General 25
Assembly of the State of Ohio, urge Congress to eliminate 26
current SNAP restrictions that deny benefits to households that 27
include a striking member; and be it further 28

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 29
transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the 30
Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture, each 31
member of the Ohio congressional delegation, and the news media 32
of Ohio. 33