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Representative Galonski

A RESOLUTION

To urge the Congress of the United States to enact 1
the National Opposition to Hate, Assault, and 2
Threats to Equality Act of 2019. 3

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

WHEREAS, The incidence of violence known as hate crimes or 4
crimes motivated by bias poses a serious national problem; and 5

WHEREAS, According to data obtained by the Federal Bureau 6
of Investigation, the incidence of such violence increased in 7
2017; and 8

WHEREAS, In 1990, Congress enacted the Hate Crime 9
Statistics Act (Public Law 101-275; 28 U.S.C. 534 note) to 10
provide the federal government, law enforcement agencies, and 11
the public with data regarding the incidence of hate crime. The 12
Hate Crimes Statistics Act and the Matthew Shepard and James 13
Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act (division E of Public Law 14
111-84; 123 Stat. 2835) have enabled federal authorities to 15
understand and, where appropriate, investigate and prosecute 16
hate crimes; and 17

WHEREAS, A more complete understanding of the national 18
problem posed by hate crime is in the public interest and 19
supports the federal interest in eradicating bias-motivated 20

violence referenced in 18 U.S. Code 249(b) (1) (C); and 21

WHEREAS, A complete understanding of the national problem 22
posed by hate crimes is hindered by incomplete data from 23
federal, state, and local jurisdictions through the Uniform 24
Crime Reports program authorized under 28 U.S. Code 534, and 25
administered by the Federal Bureau of Investigation; and 26

WHEREAS, Multiple factors contribute to the provision of 27
inaccurate and incomplete data regarding the incidence of hate 28
crime through the Uniform Crime Reports program. A significant 29
contributing factor is the quality and quantity of training that 30
state and local law enforcement agencies receive on the 31
identification and reporting of suspected bias-motivated crimes; 32
and 33

WHEREAS, The problem of crimes motivated by bias is 34
sufficiently serious, widespread, and interstate in nature as to 35
warrant federal financial assistance to states and local 36
jurisdictions; and 37

WHEREAS, Federal financial assistance with regard to 38
certain violent crimes motivated by bias enables federal, state, 39
and local authorities to work together as partners in the 40
investigation and prosecution of such crimes; now therefore be 41
it 42

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 133rd General 43
Assembly of the State of Ohio, in adopting this resolution, urge 44
the Congress of the United States to enact the National 45
Opposition to Hate, Assault, and Threats to Equality Act of 2019 46
embodied in S. 2043 and H.R. 3545 of the 116th Congress; and be 47
it further 48

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 49
transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the 50
Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, 51

the President Pro Tempore and Secretary of the United States	52
Senate, each member of the Ohio Congressional delegation, and	53
the news media of Ohio.	54