

As Introduced

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H. C. R. No. 4

Representatives Bird, Plummer

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge the United States Congress to pass legislation 1
requiring railroad companies and the U.S. Department of 2
Transportation to inform local and state government 3
officials when trains carrying potentially hazardous 4
materials travel through their respective jurisdictions. 5

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

WHEREAS, A Norfolk Southern train carrying hazardous 6
materials derailed in East Palestine, Ohio on February 3, 2023; 7
and 8

WHEREAS, At the time of its derailment, the train was not 9
considered a high-hazard flammable train by the United States 10
Department of Transportation; and 11

WHEREAS, Ten of the 50 railroad cars that derailed 12
contained chemicals such as vinyl chloride, butyl acrylate, 13
ethylhexyl acrylate, and ethylene glycol monobutyl, all of which 14
are dangerous to life and the environment; and 15

WHEREAS, As a result of the derailment, the hazardous 16
chemicals have contaminated the air and water of East Palestine, 17
forcing its residents to live in fear for their health; and 18

WHEREAS, The State of Ohio was not aware that a train 19
carrying such hazardous materials was traversing through the 20

state; and 21

WHEREAS, The United States Department of Transportation 22
should inform local and state government officials when trains 23
carrying potentially hazardous materials travel through their 24
respective jurisdictions; now therefore be it 25

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 135th General 26
Assembly of the State of Ohio, urge the United States Congress 27
to pass legislation requiring railroad companies and the United 28
States Department of Transportation to inform local and state 29
government officials when trains, similar to the one that 30
derailed in East Palestine, carrying potentially hazardous 31
materials travel through their respective jurisdictions; and be 32
it further 33

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 34
transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the 35
Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, members 36
of the Ohio Congressional delegation, and the news media of 37
Ohio. 38