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A RESOLUTION

To recognize that natural gas and its production 1
industry are not only vital to Ohio's economic 2
future but to maintain the position of the United 3
States as the world's leading energy producer and 4
to urge continued investment in natural gas 5
infrastructure to make affordable energy 6
available to every Ohioan and protect Ohio's 7
energy security and the energy security of the 8
United States and our global allies. 9

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

WHEREAS, Natural gas is a leading contributor to clean, 10
affordable, and reliable energy security, and it is vital for 11
Ohio families and businesses in maintaining lower energy bills 12
and for Ohio to become the low-cost energy capital of the United 13
States; and 14

WHEREAS, Ohio's natural gas industry has transformed from a 15
low production industry to one of the top seven in terms of 16
production when compared to other states; and 17

WHEREAS, Ohio is a leader in clean energy technology, and 18
the natural gas industry leads Ohio in clean electricity 19

production when compared to other energy sources such as 20
nuclear, wind, and solar. In addition, in 2019, natural gas 21
generated more of Ohio's in-state electricity than coal for the 22
first time in history; and 23

WHEREAS, Natural gas saves the average Ohio family \$2,500 24
annually in total energy costs, including over \$1,000 for home 25
heating and appliances. The 36% of Ohioans utilizing other 26
energy sources do not realize these savings; and 27

WHEREAS, The natural gas industry supports 375,000 jobs, 28
which constitutes 5.3% of Ohio's total employment. In addition, 29
the natural gas industry contributed \$58.8 billion to Ohio's 30
gross domestic product in 2019; and 31

WHEREAS, Restricting natural gas infrastructure development 32
will impede continued access to low-cost natural gas supply; and 33

WHEREAS, Increased United States natural gas exports create 34
massive economic benefits for United States communities while 35
providing global access to the reliable United States natural 36
gas supply needed to advance the global energy transition from 37
higher greenhouse gas (GHG) emitting fuels to lower GHG emitting 38
natural gas; and 39

WHEREAS, Residential natural gas prices in the United 40
States remain among the lowest in the world despite natural gas 41
exports and domestic consumption reaching all-time highs in 42
recent years; now therefore be it 43

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 135th 44
General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this resolution, recognize 45
that natural gas and the natural gas industry are not only vital 46
components of the state's economic future, but also critical to 47
maintaining the position of the United States as the world's 48
leading energy producer, and urge continued investment in 49
natural gas infrastructure to make affordable energy available 50

to every Ohioan and protect Ohio's energy security and the 51
energy security of the United States and our global allies; and 52
be it further 53

RESOLVED, That the clerk of the Senate send duly 54
authenticated copies of this resolution to the President of the 55
United States, the President Pro Tempore and Clerk of the United 56
States Senate, the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House 57
of Representatives, each member of the Ohio congressional 58
delegation, Governor Mike DeWine, and the news media of Ohio. 59