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**Senator Schaffer**

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**A RESOLUTION**

To urge Congress to protect the natural gas and oil 1  
industry from disproportionate tax increases or 2  
other punitive measures. 3

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

WHEREAS, The natural gas and oil industry has provided the 4  
United States with a path to national security, economic 5  
prosperity, and environmental progress; and 6

WHEREAS, The industry supports 11.3 million jobs across the 7  
country, powers the nation's economy, and generates billions in 8  
revenue for the federal and state governments in rent, 9  
royalties, and corporate and income tax payments, including \$14 10  
billion for state treasuries through severance taxes in 2019 11  
alone; and 12

WHEREAS, The natural gas and oil industry contributes 13  
significantly to jobs in Ohio's communities and to state-of-the- 14  
art emissions reduction technologies; and 15

WHEREAS, The industry contributed more than \$58.7 billion 16  
to Ohio's economy in 2019; and 17

WHEREAS, The industry supported more than 375,000 jobs in 18  
Ohio, including accounting for more than \$24.6 billion in wages 19  
in 2019; and 20

WHEREAS, Direct industry jobs pay seven times higher than 21  
the federal minimum wage and 70% higher than the national 22  
average; and 23

WHEREAS, Research shows that every direct job in the 24  
natural gas and oil industry generates an additional 3.8 jobs in 25  
Ohio; and 26

WHEREAS, The industry's investments in the United States 27  
have led to a 15% decrease in household energy costs over the 28  
last decade--while costs for food, education, and health care 29  
have skyrocketed; and 30

WHEREAS, Those cheaper energy costs are crucial to working 31  
families in our communities and across the country; and 32

WHEREAS, The natural gas and oil industry should not be 33  
prevented from recovering costs that other industries are 34  
eligible to recover simply because the natural gas and oil 35  
industry operates in a different economic sector; and 36

WHEREAS, Federal tax law allows industries across the 37  
manufacturing sector to recover costs related to job creation 38  
and other operational investments; and 39

WHEREAS, These common tax mechanisms allow these industries 40  
to create jobs; invest in our communities; fund critical 41  
education, infrastructure, and social service programs; and 42  
deliver the energy that working families rely on every day; now 43  
therefore be it 44

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 134th 45  
General Assembly of the State of Ohio, in adopting this 46  
resolution, respectfully oppose federal policies that will 47  
increase the costs and taxes on the larger business community; 48  
and be it further 49

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 134th 50  
General Assembly of the State of Ohio, urge the Congress of the 51

United States to fight any attempt to target the natural gas and 52  
oil industry by disproportionately increasing the tax burden, or 53  
by other punitive measures on the companies that are leading our 54  
post-pandemic recovery; and be it further 55

RESOLVED, That these attempts are negatively impacting the 56  
constituents of the districts we represent; and be it further 57

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit duly 58  
authenticated copies of this resolution to every member of the 59  
Cabinet of President Joseph R. Biden and Ohio's Congressional 60  
delegation and to the members of the Capitol Press Corps. 61