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**Cosponsors: Representatives Sobecki, Miller, J., Boggs**

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

To urge the Congress and the President of the United 1  
States to prohibit internet service providers from 2  
terminating internet service to residential customers 3  
and small businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic. 4

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

WHEREAS, The President of the United States and Governor of 5  
Ohio have each declared a state of emergency due to the current 6  
COVID-19 pandemic; and 7

WHEREAS, As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, students 8  
across the country are reliant on the internet to continue their 9  
education through online learning; and 10

WHEREAS, People across the country are reliant on the 11  
internet to work remotely, seek employment, keep in touch with 12  
friends and family, and keep informed of the latest news on the 13  
COVID-19 pandemic; and 14

WHEREAS, The Federal Communications Commission has issued 15  
the Keep Americans Connected Pledge that encourages internet 16  
service providers not to terminate internet service to 17  
residential customers or small businesses for 60 days for their 18  
inability to pay their bills due to the disruptions caused by 19

the COVID-19 pandemic; and 20

WHEREAS, The Keep Americans Connected Pledge, however, does 21  
not provide for internet service providers to pledge to refrain 22  
from terminating internet service to residential customers or 23  
small businesses for the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic; now 24  
therefore be it 25

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 133rd General 26  
Assembly of the State of Ohio, in adopting this resolution, urge 27  
the Congress and the President of the United States to prohibit 28  
internet service providers from terminating internet service to 29  
residential customers and small businesses for the duration of 30  
the COVID-19 pandemic; and be it further 31

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 32  
transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the 33  
President of the United States, Speaker and Clerk of the United 34  
States House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore and 35  
Secretary of the United States Senate, each member of the Ohio 36  
Congressional delegation, and the news media of Ohio. 37