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A RESOLUTION

To urge Congress to appropriate funds to build a 1
physical barrier along the southern border of the 2
United States. 3

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF
OHIO:**

WHEREAS, Now is the time for Congress to show the world 4
that America is committed to ending illegal immigration and 5
putting the ruthless coyotes, cartels, drug dealers, and human 6
traffickers out of business; and 7

WHEREAS, The lawless state of our southern border is a 8
threat to the safety, security, and financial well-being of all 9
Americans; and 10

WHEREAS, We have a moral duty to create an immigration 11
system that protects the lives and jobs of our citizens; and 12

WHEREAS, That duty includes our obligation to the millions 13
of immigrants living here today who followed the rules and 14
respected our laws; and 15

WHEREAS, Working class Americans are left to pay the price 16

for mass illegal immigration in the form of reduced jobs, lower wages, overburdened schools and hospitals, increased crime, and a depleted social safety net; and

WHEREAS, Tolerance for illegal immigration is not compassionate but cruel; and

WHEREAS, One in three women is sexually assaulted on the long journey north; and

WHEREAS, Smugglers use migrant children as human pawns to exploit our laws and gain access to our country; and

WHEREAS, Human traffickers and sex traffickers take advantage of the wide open areas between our ports of entry to smuggle thousands of young girls and women into the United States and to sell them into prostitution and modern-day slavery; and

WHEREAS, The savage gang, MS-13, now operates in twenty different American states, and they almost all come through our southern border; and

WHEREAS, Year after year, countless Americans are murdered by criminal illegal aliens; and

WHEREAS, In the last two years, our brave U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement officers made 266,000 arrests of criminal aliens, including those charged or convicted of nearly 100,000 assaults, 30,000 sex crimes, and 4,000 killings; and

WHEREAS, We should defend our very dangerous southern border out of love and devotion to our fellow citizens and to our country; and

WHEREAS, Not one more American life should be lost because our nation failed to control its very dangerous border; and

WHEREAS, The President of the United States has asked Congress to appropriate \$5.7 billion to fund a barrier system

along 234 miles of the southern border; and 47

WHEREAS, The barrier system is a smart, strategic, see- 48
through steel barrier, not just a simple concrete wall; and 49

WHEREAS, The barrier system will be deployed in the areas 50
identified by border agents as having the greatest need; and 51

WHEREAS, According to our border agents, where walls go up, 52
illegal crossings go way down; and 53

WHEREAS, San Diego used to have the most illegal border 54
crossings in the country; and 55

WHEREAS, In response, and at the request of San Diego 56
residents and political leaders, a strong security wall was put 57
in place; and 58

WHEREAS, This powerful barrier almost completely ended 59
illegal crossings; and 60

WHEREAS, The border city of El Paso, Texas, used to have 61
extremely high rates of violent crime, one of the highest in the 62
country, and was considered one of our nation's most dangerous 63
cities; and 64

WHEREAS, Now, with a powerful barrier in place, El Paso is 65
one of our safest cities; and 66

WHEREAS, Walls work and walls save lives; now therefore be 67
it 68

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of 69
Representatives of the State of Ohio, urge Congress to 70
appropriate sufficient funds to build a physical barrier along 71
the southern border of the United States; and be it further 72

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 73
transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the 74
Speaker and Minority Leader of the United States House of 75

Representatives, to the Majority Leader and Minority Leader of	76
the United States Senate, to Ohio's congressional delegation,	77
and to the news media of Ohio.	78