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

To strongly urge the President of the United States 1  
and United States Congress to take specified 2  
actions to encourage the production of domestic 3  
crude oil, natural gas, and coal resources. 4

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

WHEREAS, Crude oil, natural gas, and coal are vital 5  
components of our nation's economy, providing more than 11 6  
million jobs throughout the United States, including 375,000 7  
total jobs and \$58 billion in annual gross domestic income in 8  
Ohio alone; and 9

WHEREAS, Russian petroleum imports into the United States 10  
are approximately 670,000 barrels per day; and 11

WHEREAS, If constructed, the domestic Keystone XL Pipeline 12  
would have the capacity to supply 830,000 barrels per day of 13  
crude oil to American families and businesses; and 14

WHEREAS, The United States has large reserves of oil, 15  
natural gas, and coal for use in energy production and this 16  
abundance has provided security that has historically led to 17  
reliable and affordable energy for American consumers and our 18  
allies; and 19

WHEREAS, The world is looking to the United States for 20  
energy leadership and stability as current geopolitical events 21  
pose potential economic disruptions when inflation already 22  
affects households in the United States, across Europe, and the 23  
world; and 24

WHEREAS, Federal policies and the recently enacted tax 25  
increases on domestic oil and gas production that were included 26  
in the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act inhibit 27  
production of these vital resources; and 28

WHEREAS, The United States has the ability and capacity to 29  
once again be a net exporter of energy resources, supplying our 30  
allies in Europe with energy; and 31

WHEREAS, The United States has established barriers and 32  
disincentives to coal use. These barriers and disincentives have 33  
caused the idling or premature retirement of coal plants; and 34

WHEREAS, Operation and expansion of a key component of the 35  
United States' energy success, our oil and natural gas 36  
pipelines, which provide the most efficient means of 37  
transporting those commodities, is being blocked by the federal 38  
government; and 39

WHEREAS, The Biden Administration continues to increase 40  
costs and delay efforts to develop oil and natural gas leasing 41  
on federal lands and waters despite the fact that the leasing 42  
program provides billions of dollars in revenue to federal, 43  
state, and local governments and supports conservation programs 44  
throughout the country; and 45

WHEREAS, Areas in which the United States conducts offshore 46  
production are some of the lowest carbon intensive energy 47  
producing regions in the world, and halting offshore leasing and 48  
development will shift production and capital investment 49  
overseas and undermine decades of environmental progress; now 50

therefore be it 51

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 134th 52  
General Assembly of the State of Ohio, strongly urge the 53  
President of the United States and the United States Congress to 54  
do the following: 55

(1) Implement policies and enact legislation to ensure that 56  
the United States again becomes energy independent; 57

(2) Suspend and eliminate federal policies and the tax 58  
increases from the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs 59  
Act on domestic oil and gas production that cripple the 60  
production of these vital resources; 61

(4) Undertake measures and policies that ensure long-term 62  
American energy leadership, security, and progress, including 63  
those that result in the continued operation of existing oil and 64  
natural gas pipelines, the construction of new oil and gas 65  
pipelines, such as the Keystone XL Pipeline, the resumption of 66  
consistent and credible federal lease sales, and the immediate 67  
preparation of a new five-year program to guide future offshore 68  
leasing; 69

(5) Enact measures that cease the import of Russian oil 70  
into the United States; 71

(6) Implement policies and enact legislation to promote 72  
clean, modern power plants utilizing coal as an energy resource; 73  
and be it further 74

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate send duly 75  
authenticated copies of this resolution to the President of the 76  
United States, the President Pro Tempore and Secretary of the 77  
United States Senate, the Speaker and Clerk of the United States 78  
House of Representatives, the Ohio Congressional delegation, and 79  
the news media of Ohio. 80