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A R E S O L U T I O N

To urge the Congress of the United States, and in 1
particular the Ohio Congressional delegation, to 2
vote against Fast Track Legislation. 3

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

WHEREAS, It is the duty of Congress, under Article I, 4
Section 8 of the United States Constitution, to regulate 5
commerce with foreign nations to the benefit of the United 6
States; and 7

WHEREAS, Under Fast Track Legislation, also known as Trade 8
Promotion Authority, Congress abdicates its right to amend or 9
significantly debate trade agreements, allowing only a "yes" or 10
"no" vote, with no possibility of improvement for American 11
companies or American workers; and 12

WHEREAS, No trade agreement has ever been defeated under 13
Fast Track Rules; and 14

WHEREAS, Trade agreements under Fast Track Rules are 15
negotiated in secret, with no input from the public; and 16

WHEREAS, The United States trade agreements that have been 17

enacted under Fast Track Rules--including the North American 18
Free Trade Agreement, the Central America Free Trade 19
Agreement, and the Korean-US Free Trade Agreement--have 20
resulted in sixty thousand manufacturing facilities closing 21
in the United States and the loss of over seven million 22
manufacturing jobs; and 23

WHEREAS, Ohio has lost 100,000 manufacturing jobs to 24
overseas factories, ranking eighth in the nation; and 25

WHEREAS, Previous trade agreements enacted under Fast 26
Track Rules have "lose to win" enforcement mechanisms, i.e., 27
the United States has to lose jobs in order to win a ruling 28
enforcing the trade agreement if it is violated by another 29
party; and 30

WHEREAS, The job losses attributable to trade agreements 31
enacted under Fast Track Rules have impacted states and local 32
communities through smaller tax bases and lost revenue; now 33
therefore be it 34

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of 35
Representatives of the 131st General Assembly of the State of 36
Ohio, on behalf of all citizens of this state, urge the 37
Congress of the United States, and in particular the Ohio 38
Congressional delegation, to vote against Fast Track 39
Legislation; and be it further 40

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 41
transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the 42
President of the United States, the President Pro Tempore and 43
Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and Clerk 44
of the United States House of Representatives, each member of 45
the Ohio Congressional delegation, and the news media of 46
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