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Senator Peterson

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To support the use of science-based data to assess the
impacts and regulation of modern agricultural
technologies, and to oppose federal, state, or local
legislative or regulatory actions that are not based
on sound science and that may result in unnecessary
restrictions on the use of modern agricultural
technologies.

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

WHEREAS, A sustainable agricultural system in the United
States is vital to the continued production of food, feed, and
fiber to meet both domestic and global demands. The treatment,
prevention, and control of agricultural pests is critically
important to the health and welfare of Ohio residents and the
safety of our global food, feed, and fiber supply; and

WHEREAS, The availability of modern agricultural
technologies, such as crop protection chemistry, genetically
engineered or enhanced traits, and agricultural nutrients, is an
important tool that allows farmers to expand yields, reduce
environmental impacts, improve profitability, and provide a
safe, healthy, abundant, and affordable food supply; and

WHEREAS, The agriculture and food production industries
have a long history of successfully and safely protecting and

enhancing the food, feed, and fiber supply of Ohio residents and 22
the world. The agriculture industry is recognized as an 23
important contributor to the economic vitality of Ohio through 24
job creation, capital investment, farm income, value-added 25
sectors, and contributions to Ohio's tax base; and 26

WHEREAS, The crop protection industry is among the most 27
studied and regulated of all industries at both the state and 28
federal levels. The continued success of these industries and 29
our country's position as a world leader in crop protection 30
chemistry, genetically engineered or enhanced traits, and 31
agricultural nutrients depends on state and federal regulators 32
utilizing science-based data to assess both product and 33
ingredient safety; and 34

WHEREAS, Sound science rather than the "precautionary 35
principle" should be the bedrock of our country's regulatory 36
scheme; now therefore be it 37

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 131st General 38
Assembly of the State of Ohio, support the use of science-based 39
data to assess the impacts and regulation of modern agricultural 40
technologies, including crop protection chemistry, genetically 41
engineered or enhanced traits, and agricultural nutrients; and 42
be it further 43

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 131st General 44
Assembly of the State of Ohio, oppose federal, state, or local 45
legislative or regulatory actions that are not based on sound 46
science and that may result in unnecessary restrictions on the 47
use of modern agricultural technologies; and be it further 48

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit duly 49
authenticated copies of this resolution to the President of the 50
United States, the President Pro Tempore and Secretary of the 51
United States Senate, the Speaker and Clerk of the United States 52

House of Representatives, each member of the Ohio Congressional	53
delegation, and the news media of Ohio.	54