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Senator Uecker

Cosponsors: Senators Coley, Eklund, Beagle, Faber, Hughes

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge the Congress of the United States to disapprove
the Iranian nuclear agreement known as the Joint
Comprehensive Plan of Action.

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

WHEREAS, The threat posed by a nuclear-armed Iran has
concerned western powers ever since the 1979 Islamic Revolution;
and

WHEREAS, The International Atomic Energy Agency has
consistently stated that it is unable to conclude that Iran's
nuclear program is entirely peaceful; and

WHEREAS, The Islamic Republic of Iran has long supported
the terrorist organizations of Hezbollah, Hamas, and Palestine
Islamic Jihad; and

WHEREAS, For decades, the United States and other nations
have imposed economic sanctions targeting investments in Iran;
and

WHEREAS, Despite consistent opposition by members of
Congress, the United States has participated in formal
negotiations with the Islamic Republic of Iran intending to
develop a framework to prevent Iran from developing nuclear

weapon capabilities in exchange for the reduction or elimination 20
of economic sanctions; and 21

WHEREAS, The negotiations have led to an international 22
agreement on the Iranian nuclear program, which is known as the 23
Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action; and 24

WHEREAS, The agreement requires the United States, as well 25
as other nations and the European Union, to lift economic 26
sanctions, an action that will infuse the Iranian regime with 27
money to finance global terrorism; and 28

WHEREAS, The agreement does not permanently prevent Iran 29
from developing a nuclear weapon; and 30

WHEREAS, Page 15 of the agreement stipulates that, "If a 31
law at the state or local level in the United States is 32
preventing the implementation of the sanctions lifting as 33
specified in this JCPOA, the United States will take appropriate 34
steps, taking into account all available authorities, with a 35
view to achieving such implementation. The United States will 36
actively encourage officials at the state or local level to take 37
into account the changes in the U.S. policy reflected in the 38
lifting of sanctions under this JCPOA and to refrain from 39
actions inconsistent with this change in policy."; and 40

WHEREAS, The Supreme Court of the United States has held 41
that states cannot be forced to comply with nonself-executing 42
international treaties unless Congress has passed statutes 43
giving those treaties effect; and 44

WHEREAS, Congress is currently reviewing the Joint 45
Comprehensive Plan of Action and is expected to vote on a 46
resolution to disapprove the agreement in September 2015; and 47

WHEREAS, Implementation of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of 48
Action is against the security interests of the United States 49
and its allies; now therefore be it 50

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 131st General 51
Assembly of the State of Ohio, urge the Congress of the United 52
States to disapprove the Iranian nuclear agreement known as the 53
Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action; and be it further 54

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit duly 55
authenticated copies of this resolution to the President of the 56
United States, the President Pro Tempore and Secretary of the 57
United States Senate, the Speaker and Clerk of the United States 58
House of Representatives, each member of the Ohio Congressional 59
delegation, and the news media of Ohio. 60