

**As Reported by the House Energy and Natural Resources  
Committee**

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**H. C. R. No. 22**

**Representative Hill**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Thompson, Seitz, Stein, Ginter, Landis, Hagan**

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**A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To express support for the importance of Ohio's energy 1  
resources and energy infrastructure in furthering 2  
Ohio's economic development. 3

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

WHEREAS, Ohio's natural gas and energy production have 4  
increased significantly in recent years due to the exploration 5  
and development occurring in the Utica and Marcellus shale 6  
formations; and 7

WHEREAS, Ohio is among the top 10 states in the nation for 8  
natural gas consumption by residential and industrial users; and 9

WHEREAS, Natural gas and petroleum are essential for a 10  
healthy economy in Ohio. These resources have supported the 11  
creation of nearly 11,000 jobs in natural gas core industries, 12  
including pipeline construction, and nearly 185,000 jobs in 13  
ancillary industries, such as power generation, manufacturing, 14  
and engineering services; and 15

WHEREAS, According to Ohio University, the Ohio shale 16  
industry has made a total economic contribution of over 22 17  
billion dollars and employed over 147,000 Ohioans in calendar 18

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year 2015; and 19

WHEREAS, The use of natural gas for power generation in 20  
Ohio has increased substantially due to an increase in natural 21  
gas production, thereby bringing down utility prices for Ohio 22  
families, farmers, and businesses; and 23

WHEREAS, Pipelines and transmission lines serve a critical 24  
role in delivering natural gas, petroleum, and electricity in 25  
order to meet Ohio's growing energy needs; and 26

WHEREAS, Denying the expansion of existing and new pipeline 27  
construction projects in the Utica and Marcellus shale region 28  
would impede the significant revitalization of communities and 29  
manufacturing industries in Ohio; now therefore be it 30

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 132nd General 31  
Assembly of the State of Ohio, express support for both of the 32  
following: 33

-- Ongoing and continued development of Ohio's energy 34  
resources and pipeline and energy infrastructure; 35

-- Ongoing economic development efforts to attract end 36  
users of electricity and natural gas, such as manufacturers and 37  
the petrochemical industry, to keep Ohio's economy moving 38  
forward; and be it further 39

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 40  
send duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the 41  
President of the United States, the President Pro Tempore and 42  
Minority Leader of the U.S. Senate, the Speaker and Minority 43  
Leader of the U.S. House of Representatives, the members of the 44  
Ohio Congressional delegation, and the news media of Ohio. 45