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**S. C. R. No. 21**

**Senator Balderson**

**Cosponsors: Senators Beagle, Hoagland, Terhar, Schiavoni, Burke, LaRose,  
Uecker, Coley, Eklund, Hackett, Hottinger, Huffman, Manning, O'Brien,  
Oelslager, Peterson, Tavares, Wilson Representatives Landis, Schaffer,  
Thompson, Anielski, Blessing, Cera, Craig, Dean, Galonski, Ginter, Green,  
Householder, Johnson, Patton, Perales, Riedel, Rogers, Romanchuk, Scherer,  
Seitz, Smith, T., Wilkin, Young**

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**A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To urge the Congress of the United States to enact 1  
various bills advancing the development of an 2  
Appalachian storage hub. 3

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

WHEREAS, The Appalachian region, including parts of 4  
Kentucky, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and all of West Virginia, contains 5  
world class supplies of natural gas and natural gas liquids 6  
(NGL) that contribute to the country's energy dominance; and 7

WHEREAS, Harnessing those supplies by constructing an 8  
Appalachian storage hub involves major investments in 9  
infrastructure, including storage caverns and pipelines, and 10  
implementation of a significant jobs program for the residents 11  
of the Appalachian region; and 12

WHEREAS, Natural gas liquids are the major feedstock of the 13  
chemical industry and the region contains enough feedstock to 14

attract \$35 billion in new chemical and plastics industry 15  
investment. Chemical and plastic industry investments of this 16  
scale could create 100,000 new jobs, \$28 billion in new economic 17  
output, more than \$6 billion in annual payroll, and nearly \$3 18  
billion a year in new federal, state, and local tax revenue; and 19

WHEREAS, Enactment of the federal "Appalachian Energy and 20  
Manufacturing Revitalization Act" would improve the 21  
infrastructure permitting process by directing the Secretaries 22  
of Energy and Commerce to approve projects related to the 23  
Appalachian storage hub, identify the lead federal and state 24  
agency liaisons, and coordinate with them on designating the 25  
project; and 26

WHEREAS, The bill directs the Federal Energy Regulatory 27  
Commission (FERC) to consider relevant licenses and permits for 28  
the requisite pipeline infrastructure, and then requires the 29  
other federal agencies to complete consideration of their 30  
respective permits within 60 days of the completion of the FERC 31  
licensing or have their jurisdictional permits deemed approved; 32  
and 33

WHEREAS, In addition to the "Appalachian Energy and 34  
Manufacturing Revitalization Act," the "Capitalizing American 35  
Storage Potential Act" would make a regional NGL storage hub 36  
eligible for the Department of Energy's successful Title XVII 37  
loan guarantee program, and the "Appalachian Ethane Storage Hub 38  
Study Act of 2017" would help assess the feasibility and 39  
potential benefits of establishing a subterranean ethane storage 40  
and distribution hub in central Appalachia; now therefore be it 41

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 132nd General 42  
Assembly of the State of Ohio, urge the Congress of the United 43  
States to enact bills advancing the development of an 44  
Appalachian storage hub, including all of the following: 45

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--The "Appalachian Energy and Manufacturing Revitalization Act of 2017"; 46  
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--The "Capitalizing American Storage Potential Act"; and 48

--The "Appalachian Ethane Storage Hub Study Act of 2017"; 49  
and be it further 50

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit duly 51  
authenticated copies of this resolution to the President of the 52  
United States, the President Pro Tempore and Secretary of the 53  
United States Senate, the Speaker and Clerk of the United States 54  
House of Representatives, each member of the Ohio, West 55  
Virginia, Kentucky, and Pennsylvania Congressional delegations, 56  
and the news media of Ohio. 57