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Representatives Miller, J., O'Brien

**Cosponsors: Representatives Brent, Crossman, Galonski, Howse, Lepore-
Hagan, Lightbody, Miranda, Russo, Sheehy, Skindell, Smith, K., Smith, M.,
Sobecki, Troy, Upchurch, Weinstein**

A RESOLUTION

To express support for the need for a replacement 1
fleet of United States Postal Service vehicles 2
that meets the climate goals of the United 3
States, protects critical supply chains, and 4
promotes a cleaner, more stable future for a 5
burgeoning 21st century domestic vehicle 6
industry. 7

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

WHEREAS, The United States Postal Service owns and operates 8
the largest United States civilian vehicle fleet with over 9
200,000 delivery vehicles; and 10

WHEREAS, Close to 140,000 of these vehicles are Grumman 11
Long Life Vehicles (LLVs), which have been in service since 12
between 1987 and 1994 and are aging, fuel inefficient, and 13
carbon emitting; and 14

WHEREAS, The United States Postal Service spends close to 15
\$618,000,000 to maintain the fleet and vehicles, and close to 16
\$432,000,000 on fuel; and 17

WHEREAS, The current fleet lacks adequate safety 18
protections such as airbags, air conditioning, and anti-lock 19
brakes; and 20

WHEREAS, On February 23, 2021, the United States Postal 21
Service announced a 10-year contract of up to \$482,000,000 in 22
initial investments to produce up to 165,000 vehicles; and 23

WHEREAS, Postmaster General Louis DeJoy stated that only 10 24
per cent of the vehicles will be electric vehicles, and the 25
remaining 90 per cent will be gas powered; and 26

WHEREAS, The tenure of Postmaster General DeJoy has been 27
highly controversial in the face of concerns with his competence 28
and the undue political influence of presidential politics as a 29
guiding principle for his decision-making at the helm of the 30
United States Postal Service; and 31

WHEREAS, President Joe Biden's Executive Order No. 14008, 32
"Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad," and our 33
national commitment to the Paris Climate Accord is undermined by 34
the contract awarded by the United States Postal Service; and 35

WHEREAS, The development of a modern fleet will help to 36
develop domestic supply chains in the United States, promote 37
competitiveness of domestic green industry, and lead our nation 38
to a cleaner, better future; now therefore be it 39

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 134th 40
General Assembly: 41

(1) Expresses deep concern with the United States Postal 42
Service decision-making process and recent fleet contract 43
because it undermines the national interest and fails to protect 44
national climate goals; 45

(2) Urges the United States Postal Service to freeze the 46
recently awarded contract to purchase 165,000 new vehicles until 47
an expedited review is conducted to determine there was no 48

inappropriate political influence and that the proposed contract 49
is consistent with the Federal obligations contained in 50
President Joe Biden's Executive Order No. 14008, "Tackling the 51
Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad," and the Paris Climate 52
Accord; 53

(3) Expresses support for the need for a replacement fleet 54
that meets the climate goals of the United States, protects 55
critical supply chains, and promotes a cleaner, more stable 56
future for a burgeoning 21st century domestic vehicle industry; 57
and 58

(4) Urges fair consideration for the purchase of electric 59
trucks from Lordstown Motors, manufactured in Ohio; and be it 60
further 61

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 62
send duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the 63
President of the United States, the Ohio Congressional 64
delegation, and the news media of Ohio. 65