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Representatives Crossman, Lepore-Hagan

**Cosponsors: Representatives Sobecki, Galonski, Leland, Weinstein, Liston,
Russo, Miranda, Boggs, Brown, Kelly, Hicks-Hudson, Sweeney, Skindell, Smith,
M., West, Miller, A., Smith, K., Lightbody, O'Brien, Sheehy, Troy, Denson,
Upchurch, Crawley, Robinson, Boyd, Sykes, Jarrells, Brent, Blackshear**

A R E S O L U T I O N

To expel Representative Larry Householder from the
House of Representatives.

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

WHEREAS, Under Article II, Section 6 of the Ohio
Constitution, the House of Representatives may punish its
members for disorderly conduct and may, with the concurrence of
two-thirds of its members, expel a member; and

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WHEREAS, On July 30, 2020, following an intensive, months-
long investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and
the Office of the United States Attorney for the Southern
District of Ohio, a federal grand jury indicted Representative
Larry Householder and five others for conspiracy to engage in a
pattern of racketeering activity; and

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WHEREAS, The indictment alleges that Representative
Householder, along with other members of a criminal enterprise,
conspired to engage in a pattern of racketeering activity,
including bribery and laundering of monetary instruments, to

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secretly funnel and launder more than sixty million dollars from 17
a corporation to be used for the personal and political benefit 18
of Representative Householder and the other members of the 19
criminal enterprise, including Representative Householder's 20
efforts to ensure passage of legislation providing over one 21
billion dollars in subsidies benefiting the corporation that 22
financed his activities; to thwart a referendum petition to 23
place that legislation on the ballot for a vote of the people; 24
and to further the conspiracy; and 25

WHEREAS, The former United States Attorney for the Southern 26
District of Ohio characterized the alleged racketeering 27
conspiracy as "likely the largest bribery, money laundering 28
scheme ever perpetrated against the people of the state of 29
Ohio"; and 30

WHEREAS, Three of the six defendants originally charged in 31
the indictment have pleaded guilty to charges in the case; and 32

WHEREAS, Representative Householder has not voluntarily 33
resigned as a member of the House of Representatives despite a 34
public request to do so; now therefore be it 35

RESOLVED, That Representative Larry Householder is expelled 36
from the House of Representatives. 37