

As Introduced

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S. C. R. No. 12

**Senator Yuko
Cosponsor: Senator Maharath**

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge Congress to enact legislation requiring commercial 1
trucks to use side guards and establishing side guard 2
technical specifications. 3

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

WHEREAS, The deadliest type of vehicle crashes are those 4
involving large commercial trucks and pedestrians, bicyclists, 5
and motorists; and 6

WHEREAS, According to the National Highway Traffic Safety 7
Administration's most recent report on fatal motor vehicle 8
crashes, the number of pedestrians and bicyclists in the United 9
States killed by large trucks increased by 9.7% between 2017 and 10
2018; and 11

WHEREAS, Side guards are safety barriers that run between 12
truck tires that can be attached to large trucks to protect 13
vulnerable road users, such as pedestrians and bicyclists; and 14

WHEREAS, Side guards minimize damage and reduce the risk of 15
a fatality in side impact collisions; and 16

WHEREAS, New York City and Boston have required side guard 17
technology on vehicles owned or under contract with those 18

cities; and 19

WHEREAS, The city of London, in the United Kingdom, has 20
required the use of side guards since 1986 resulting in 21
significant decreases in fatalities for bicyclists and 22
pedestrians in side impact collisions; and 23

WHEREAS, The Ohio State Lodge of the Fraternal Order of 24
Police fully endorses the use of side guards; now therefore be 25
it 26

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 134th General 27
Assembly of the State of Ohio, urge the Congress of the United 28
States to enact legislation requiring commercial trucks to use 29
side guards and establishing side guard technical 30
specifications; and be it further 31

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit duly 32
authenticated copies of this resolution to the President Pro 33
Tempore and Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker 34
and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, the 35
President of the United States, the members of the Ohio 36
Congressional delegation, and the news media of Ohio. 37