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A R E S O L U T I O N

To strongly urge the President of the United States 1
and United States Congress to take specified 2
actions to encourage the production of domestic 3
crude oil, natural gas, and coal resources. 4

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

WHEREAS, Crude oil, natural gas, and coal are vital 5
components of our nation's economy, providing more than 11 6
million jobs throughout the United States, including 375,000 7
total jobs and \$58 billion in annual gross domestic income in 8
Ohio alone; and 9

WHEREAS, Russian petroleum imports into the United States 10
are approximately 670,000 barrels per day; and 11

WHEREAS, If constructed, the domestic Keystone XL Pipeline 12
would have the capacity to supply 830,000 barrels per day of 13
crude oil to American families and businesses; and 14

WHEREAS, The United States has large reserves of oil, 15
natural gas, and coal for use in energy production and this 16
abundance has provided security that has historically led to 17
reliable and affordable energy for American consumers and our 18
allies; and 19

WHEREAS, The world is looking to the United States for 20
energy leadership and stability as current geopolitical events 21
pose potential economic disruptions when inflation already 22
affects households in the United States, across Europe, and the 23
world; and 24

WHEREAS, Federal policies and the recently enacted tax 25
increases on domestic oil and gas production that were included 26
in the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act inhibit 27
production of these vital resources; and 28

WHEREAS, The United States has the ability and capacity to 29
once again be a net exporter of energy resources, supplying our 30
allies in Europe with energy; and 31

WHEREAS, The United States has established barriers and 32
disincentives to coal use. These barriers and disincentives have 33
caused the idling or premature retirement of coal plants; and 34

WHEREAS, Operation and expansion of a key component of the 35
United States' energy success, our oil and natural gas 36
pipelines, which provide the most efficient means of 37
transporting those commodities, is being blocked by the federal 38
government; and 39

WHEREAS, The Biden Administration continues to increase 40
costs and delay efforts to develop oil and natural gas leasing 41
on federal lands and waters despite the fact that the leasing 42
program provides billions of dollars in revenue to federal, 43
state, and local governments and supports conservation programs 44
throughout the country; and 45

WHEREAS, Areas in which the United States conducts offshore 46
production are some of the lowest carbon intensive energy 47
producing regions in the world, and halting offshore leasing and 48
development will shift production and capital investment 49
overseas and undermine decades of environmental progress; now 50

therefore be it 51

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 134th 52
General Assembly of the State of Ohio, strongly urge the 53
President of the United States and the United States Congress to 54
do the following: 55

(1) Implement policies and enact legislation to ensure that 56
the United States again becomes energy independent; 57

(2) Suspend and eliminate federal policies and the tax 58
increases from the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs 59
Act on domestic oil and gas production that cripple the 60
production of these vital resources; 61

(4) Undertake measures and policies that ensure long-term 62
American energy leadership, security, and progress, including 63
those that result in the continued operation of existing oil and 64
natural gas pipelines, the construction of new oil and gas 65
pipelines, such as the Keystone XL Pipeline, the resumption of 66
consistent and credible federal lease sales, and the immediate 67
preparation of a new five-year program to guide future offshore 68
leasing; 69

(5) Enact measures that cease the import of Russian oil 70
into the United States; 71

(6) Implement policies and enact legislation to promote 72
clean, modern power plants utilizing coal as an energy resource; 73
and be it further 74

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate send duly 75
authenticated copies of this resolution to the President of the 76
United States, the President Pro Tempore and Secretary of the 77
United States Senate, the Speaker and Clerk of the United States 78
House of Representatives, the Ohio Congressional delegation, and 79
the news media of Ohio. 80