

A RESOLUTION

To express support for consumer choice in the automotive marketplace and against government-preferred vehicle technology mandates that will harm Ohio's consumers by prematurely requiring the transition of the automotive fleet from internal combustion powered vehicles to all-electric vehicles.

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Ohio:

WHEREAS, All Ohio residents deserve access to affordable, practical, and technologically neutral options for transportation in the new and used motor vehicle marketplace; and

WHEREAS, An overwhelming majority of Ohioans have chosen to purchase vehicles equipped with an internal combustion engine; and

WHEREAS, The median household income of Ohioans from 2017-2021 was \$61,938 as determined by the U.S. Census Bureau; and

WHEREAS, The average cost of a new all-electric vehicle is more than \$58,000, making the mandated purchase of these vehicles unaffordable and, thus, unattainable for the majority of Ohioans; and

WHEREAS, 198,000 Ohioans are employed in the automotive sector, which contributes over \$12.1 billion in labor income to the state's economy; and

WHEREAS, The CEO of Ford stated that manufacturing electric vehicles requires approximately 40% less labor than internal combustion engine powered automobiles. Therefore, thousands of family-sustaining union jobs are at risk; and

WHEREAS, PJM, the regional transmission organization that coordinates the movement of wholesale electricity in all or parts of 13 states and the District of Columbia has warned that 40 GW of existing electric generation are at risk of retirement by 2030; and

WHEREAS, According to the U.S. Geological Survey's assessment of critical minerals, the United States depends on countries that have poor environmental records and antagonistic relations, like China, for many of the minerals necessary for deployment of all-electric vehicles; and

WHEREAS, Federal and state regulators have failed to adequately consider the cost impact to vulnerable communities, the displacement of American jobs, the capacity of our electric infrastructure, and our ability to bring supply chains governed by hostile-actors to America when encouraging vehicle mandates; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 135th General Assembly of the State of Ohio reaffirm the State of Ohio's commitment to consumer choice in the automotive marketplace by neither mandating nor prohibiting the purchase of specific vehicle technologies; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we respectfully urge the Biden Administration to ensure all regulations being promulgated by the U.S. EPA regarding light-, medium-, and heavy-duty vehicles protect American families and workers by being both economically practicable and technologically feasible, which means preventing direct or indirect electric vehicle mandates; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Ohio Senate transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Energy, the Secretary of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore and Secretary of the United States Senate, the members of the Ohio Congressional Delegation, and the news media of Ohio.

President _____ of the Senate.

Adopted _____, 20____