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**Representative Hagan**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Heard, Yuko, Skindell, Garland, Williams, B.,  
Foley, Newcomb, Pillich, Letson, Murray, Harris, Stebelton, Koziura,  
Harwood, Luckie, Brown, Celeste, Sayre, Bolon**

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**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To urge the Congress and President of the United 1  
States to fully invest in passenger rail as part 2  
of the nation's economic stimulus and recovery 3  
plan. 4

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

WHEREAS, Congress and the President are working to shape 5  
federal policy to respond to the nation's economic crisis; and 6

WHEREAS, Congress and the President plan to stimulate the 7  
economy by the largest public works investment in many years; and 8

WHEREAS, In any federal stimulus and recovery act, difficult 9  
choices must be made in determining the types of investments to 10  
make in the nation's infrastructure; and 11

WHEREAS, Passenger train service offers some of the best 12  
return on investment as expanded and improved passenger train 13  
service is an environmentally friendly transportation choice, a 14  
permanent source of economic development uniting the nation's 15  
cities and regions, and a creator of permanent jobs both in the 16  
operation of the service and in the maintenance of the trains, 17

tracks, and related infrastructure; and 18

WHEREAS, Railroad jobs, whether with Amtrak, host freight 19  
railroads, or railroad suppliers, are typically full-time jobs 20  
with benefits and pay exceeding the national median; and 21

WHEREAS, The United States' passenger rail service is far 22  
inferior to that of our global competitors due largely to a lack 23  
of significant federal investment over the last fifty years; and 24

WHEREAS, Although the federal government has begun to 25  
increase investment in passenger rail, the upcoming debate over 26  
the American Recovery and Reinvestment Plan is an opportunity to 27  
fully invest in passenger rail as part of the nation's economic 28  
stimulus and recovery; now therefore be it 29

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 128th General Assembly 30  
of the State of Ohio, urge the Congress and President of the 31  
United States to expand and improve passenger train service in 32  
this country with full federal funding to build the foundation for 33  
lasting prosperity with environmentally friendly connections 34  
between the cities, towns, and regions of this country; and be it 35  
further 36

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 128th General Assembly 37  
of the State of Ohio, urge the Congress and President of the 38  
United States to maximize the investment in expanded and improved 39  
passenger train service as part of the American Recovery and 40  
Reinvestment Plan; and be it further 41

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 42  
transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the 43  
President of the United States, to the Speaker and Clerk of the 44  
United States House of Representatives, to the President Pro 45  
Tempore and Secretary of the United States Senate, to the members 46  
of the Ohio Congressional delegation, and to the news media of 47  
Ohio. 48