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**Senator Kearney**

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**RESOLUTION**

To urge the Administrator of the United States 1  
Environmental Protection Agency to grant an 2  
emergency exemption for the use of the insecticide 3  
Propoxur to control bedbugs in Ohio. 4

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

WHEREAS, Bedbugs are blood-feeding insects that infest all 5  
areas of homes, day-care centers, senior-care centers, hotels, and 6  
hospitals. The nocturnal insects are mostly associated with the 7  
bedroom where they emerge at night and bite inhabitants; and 8

WHEREAS, Since 2005, Ohio has seen an exponential increase in 9  
the number of bedbug infestations. Currently, Cincinnati is facing 10  
an epidemic bedbug infestation, and Columbus is dealing with an 11  
ever-growing population of these insects; and 12

WHEREAS, The pesticides that are currently being used to 13  
combat these pests are insufficient because the insects may be 14  
reduced for a short term after spraying, but the populations 15  
quickly rebound after the spraying cycles are completed; and 16

WHEREAS, As a result of the poor performance of the currently 17  
approved pesticides, many scientists and health officials are 18  
calling on the Administrator of the United States Environmental 19  
Protection Agency to approve the use of the insecticide Propoxur 20  
to control bedbugs. Research has shown that Propoxur will help 21

permanently destroy bedbug populations that are currently 22  
uncontrollable; and 23

WHEREAS, Bedbugs are a threat to the quality of life for many 24  
through allergic reactions, severe emotional stress, and economic 25  
hardship. In addition, the bedbug infestation has the ability to 26  
severely impact Ohio's economy. As knowledge of these infestations 27  
spreads, people may hesitate to visit Ohio and patronize Ohio 28  
businesses; now therefore be it 29

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 128th 30  
General Assembly of the State of Ohio, urge the Administrator of 31  
the United States Environmental Protection Agency to grant an 32  
emergency exemption for the use of the insecticide Propoxur to 33  
control bedbugs in Ohio; and be it further 34

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit duly 35  
authenticated copies of this resolution to the Administrator of 36  
the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the news 37  
media of Ohio. 38