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### CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge the Administration of President Barack Obama 1  
to reconsider proposals to increase taxes on 2  
producers of coal, natural gas, and petroleum and 3  
instead commit to adopting policies that encourage 4  
domestic production of these important resources. 5

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

WHEREAS, Coal, natural gas, and petroleum are vital to our 6  
national economy and comprise almost 70% of the energy used to 7  
produce electricity in the United States. In addition, fuel oil 8  
derived from petroleum and natural gas are the primary heating 9  
fuels used in many parts of the nation, including Ohio; and 10

WHEREAS, Petroleum is used in a broad spectrum of products 11  
such as fuel for motor vehicles and aircraft, asphalt for roads, 12  
tars for roofing, and waxes for food wrapping. Petroleum is used 13  
as well in solvents for paints, cosmetics, and dry cleaning 14  
products and provides the building blocks for many plastics and 15  
foams; and 16

WHEREAS, The Administration of President Barack Obama has 17

proposed increasing taxes on producers of coal, natural gas, and 18  
petroleum in its latest budget proposal. Increasing taxes on these 19  
vital resources will hinder economic growth, cost consumers 20  
billions of additional dollars in heating fuel costs, result in 21  
increased prices for a myriad of other products, and hinder the 22  
domestic production of fossil fuels, thus increasing our reliance 23  
on foreign imports; and 24

WHEREAS, The burden of additional costs to consumers will 25  
fall disproportionately on those citizens of the United States who 26  
are least able to afford them; and 27

WHEREAS, The United States has abundant proven reserves of 28  
coal, natural gas, and petroleum, and increasing their production 29  
will benefit the nation's economy by lowering the cost of energy 30  
and reducing our reliance on foreign sources of fuel; now 31  
therefore be it 32

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 129th General Assembly 33  
of the State of Ohio, in adopting this resolution, strongly urge 34  
the Administration of President Barack Obama to reconsider 35  
proposals to increase taxes on producers of coal, natural gas, and 36  
petroleum and instead commit to adopting policies that encourage 37  
domestic production of these important resources; and be it 38  
further 39

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 40  
transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to President 41  
Barack Obama, the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of 42  
Representatives, the President Pro Tempore and Secretary of the 43  
United States Senate, the members of the Ohio Congressional 44  
delegation, and the news media of Ohio. 45