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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 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 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 House of 30
Representatives of the 129th General Assembly of the State of 31
Ohio, urge the Administrator of the United States Environmental 32
Protection Agency to grant an emergency exemption for the use of 33
the insecticide Propoxur to control bedbugs in Ohio; and be it 34
further 35

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 36
transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the 37
Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency 38
and the news media of Ohio. 39