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RESOLUTION

To urge Congress to support the continued and 1
increased importation of oil derived from Canadian 2
oil sands and urge Congress to ask the U.S. 3
Secretary of State to approve the TransCanada 4
Keystone XL pipeline project from Alberta to 5
Oklahoma. 6

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE
OF OHIO:**

WHEREAS, The United States is still many years away from 7
ending its dependence on nonrenewable energy resources despite the 8
recent focus on renewable energy. In order to fuel our economy, 9
the United States will need more oil and natural gas while also 10
requiring additional alternative energy sources such as ethanol 11
and other renewable energy sources; and 12

WHEREAS, The United States currently depends on foreign 13
imports for more than half of our petroleum usage. As the largest 14
consumer of petroleum in the world, our dependence on foreign oil 15
has created difficult geopolitical relationships with damaging 16
consequences for our national security; and 17

WHEREAS, Canadian oil reserves are vast and are second only 18

to Saudi Arabia as determined by using current measurements and 19
technology. Oil sands now account for more than half of western 20
Canada's total oil output; and 21

WHEREAS, A recent study by the U.S. Department of Energy 22
found that increasing importation of oil derived from Canadian oil 23
sands by the United States has the potential to substantially 24
reduce our country's dependency on sources outside of North 25
America. Canada is a friendly neighbor with whom the United States 26
has an excellent trading and political relationship. Canadian oil 27
sands provide greater fuel supply reliability and reduce the risk 28
of supply disruptions to consumers; and 29

WHEREAS, Canada sends more than 99% of its oil exports to the 30
United States, the bulk of which goes to Midwestern refineries. 31
Oil companies are investing huge sums to expand and upgrade 32
refineries in the Midwest and elsewhere to make gasoline and other 33
refined products from Canadian oil derived from oil sands. The 34
expansion and upgrade projects will create many new construction 35
jobs over the next five years and, in Ohio, substantially add to 36
our states's gross state product; and 37

WHEREAS, The same money used to buy Canadian oil will likely 38
later be spent directly on U.S. goods and services in contrast 39
with the money sent to hostile oil-producing governments that is 40
later used to further anti-democratic agendas. Supporting the 41
continued shift towards reliable and secure sources of Canadian 42
oil is of vital interest to the United States and the state of 43
Ohio; now therefore be it 44

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of 45
Representatives of the 129th General Assembly of the state of 46
Ohio, support continued and increased importation of oil derived 47
from Canadian oil sands, urge Congress to support that continued 48
and increased importation, and urge Congress to ask the U.S. 49
Secretary of State to approve the TransCanada Keystone XL pipeline 50

project from Alberta to Oklahoma that has been awaiting a 51
presidential permit since 2008 to reduce dependence on unstable 52
governments, improve our national security, and strengthen ties 53
with an important ally; and be it further 54

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 55
transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the 56
Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, 57
to the President Pro Tempore and Secretary of the United States 58
Senate, to the members of the Ohio Congressional delegation, and 59
to the news media of Ohio. 60