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**Senator Beagle**

**Cosponsors: Senators Bacon, Eklund, Hite, Jones, Coley, Lehner, Manning,  
Patton, Sawyer, Tavares Representatives Lundy, Brown**

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**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To urge Ohio members of the Congress of the United 1  
States to seek a solution to ensure public access 2  
to e-book materials through public libraries. 3

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

WHEREAS, Public libraries in Ohio are open 1.8 million hours 4  
a year to all Ohioans; and 5

WHEREAS, 2.1 million children and 6.7 million adults are 6  
cardholders at public libraries in Ohio; and 7

WHEREAS, Technology has enabled public libraries to provide 8  
e-books, which are rapidly growing in popularity with public 9  
library customers; and 10

WHEREAS, The increasing demand for public libraries to offer 11  
e-books is difficult to meet because some major publishers refuse 12  
to sell or license e-books to public libraries; and 13

WHEREAS, Public library customers are increasingly requesting 14  
e-books, only to be informed that major publishers will not sell 15  
or lease requested titles to public libraries; and 16

WHEREAS, By denying public libraries access to e-books, and 17  
by making e-books cost prohibitive, publishers have limited access 18  
to information to only those who can afford to purchase it; and 19

WHEREAS, This issue should be fully examined and considered 20  
so that all children and adults have access to informational 21  
materials to enable all citizens to compete in the digitalized 22  
global economy; now therefore be it 23

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 130th General Assembly 24  
of the State of Ohio, respectfully request that Ohio members of 25  
the Congress of the United States seek a solution to ensure public 26  
access to e-book materials through public libraries; and be it 27  
further 28

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit duly 29  
authenticated copies of this resolution to the Governor of Ohio, 30  
Ohio members of the Congress of the United States, the public 31  
libraries of Ohio, and the news media of Ohio. 32