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**Senator Tavares**

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**RESOLUTION**

To urge the Congress of the United States to enact 1  
comprehensive immigration reform. 2

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

WHEREAS, America has a long and rich heritage of immigration, 3  
but our current immigration system is broken, as immigrants face 4  
an insufficient number of visas for workers to support the United 5  
States labor force; arbitrary visa caps, which create backlogs and 6  
separate families; exploitation by employers through wage and 7  
workplace violations; and inadequate government infrastructure to 8  
support the immigrant population; and 9

WHEREAS, Comprehensive immigration reform must provide 10  
law-abiding, tax-paying immigrant workers and their families with 11  
an opportunity to obtain legal permanent residency, and eventually 12  
United States citizenship, through fair and reasonable 13  
requirements; and 14

WHEREAS, Comprehensive immigration reform should reduce 15  
immigration backlogs so that United States citizens may be 16  
reunited with family members requesting to immigrate; and 17

WHEREAS, Any new worker visa program must provide workers 18  
with all the rights afforded by the United States Constitution, 19  
portable visas that allow workers to change jobs, and the ability 20

to petition for permanent residency; and 21

WHEREAS, Comprehensive immigration reform should include a 22  
meaningful opportunity for immigrant students to pursue a college 23  
education after high school graduation; and 24

WHEREAS, United States immigration policies must actively 25  
promote the civic integration of newcomers in order to decrease 26  
the barriers immigrants face in acquiring the necessary skills to 27  
participate in our nation's civic life, such as providing access 28  
to English instruction and civics proficiency courses; and 29

WHEREAS, Comprehensive immigration reform must include a 30  
discussion of the fundamental causes of migration to the United 31  
States, such as the need for sustainable social and economic 32  
development in migrants' communities of origin. Further, our 33  
nation must more actively pursue partnership opportunities with 34  
sending nations in order to identify feasible development 35  
strategies to enable those nations better to meet the economic 36  
needs of their populations; and 37

WHEREAS, The federal government must take action to reform 38  
our immigration laws in order to continue our heritage of 39  
immigration by making permanent President Obama's Deferred Action 40  
for Childhood Arrivals program, which grants work permits and 41  
permission to stay in United States to certain individuals who 42  
were brought into this country before they were sixteen years of 43  
age; by establishing a path to citizenship for all immigrants who 44  
have not committed criminal offenses; and by protecting the unity 45  
and sanctity of the family; and 46

WHEREAS, The federal government has the exclusive authority 47  
to develop, implement, and enforce immigration policy under the 48  
United States Constitution, and the regulation of immigration is 49  
solely the responsibility of the federal government; and 50

WHEREAS, Comprehensive immigration reform must strengthen our 51

national security and the safety of our communities and 52  
neighborhoods because the United States, like every sovereign 53  
nation, has the right to secure its borders through laws that 54  
regulate the entry of persons from other countries; and 55

WHEREAS, The United States must provide resources for 56  
immigration enforcement and must implement enforcement measures 57  
that will accomplish these goals in an effective and humane 58  
manner; now therefore be it 59

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Ohio calls upon the 60  
United States Congress promptly to enact comprehensive immigration 61  
reform; and be it further 62

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit duly 63  
authenticated copies of this resolution to the President and 64  
Vice-President of the United States, to the Majority and Minority 65  
Leaders of the United States Senate, to the Speaker and the 66  
Minority Leader of the United States House of Representatives, and 67  
to the members of the Ohio Congressional delegation. 68