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**HOUSE
RESOLUTION No. _____**

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1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION concerning the motor vehicle
2 inspection and maintenance programs in Lake and Porter
3 counties.
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5 *Whereas, The motor vehicle inspection and maintenance*
6 *(I/M) programs in Lake and Porter counties were mandated by*
7 *the federal Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990, based on Lake*
8 *and Porter counties' designation as "nonattainment", along*
9 *with northeast Indiana and southeast Wisconsin, under the*
10 *one-hour ozone standard;*

11 *Whereas, According to the United States Environmental*
12 *Protection Agency (EPA), cars and trucks collectively are the*
13 *single greatest contributor to ground-level ozone, the major*
14 *component of smog;*

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1 *Whereas, The purpose of an I/M program is to reduce*
2 *ground-level ozone by ensuring that the emission control*
3 *systems on vehicles are working correctly;*

4 *Whereas, Generally, only vehicles registered in Lake and*
5 *Porter counties are subject to the I/M programs in Lake and*
6 *Porter counties;*

7 *Whereas, Lake and Porter counties in northwest Indiana are*
8 *intersected by Interstate Highway 80/90 and Interstate*
9 *Highway 94, two of the most heavily traveled highways in the*
10 *Midwest, and Lake County is also intersected by Interstate*
11 *Highway 65, another heavily traveled highway, linking major*
12 *southern cities with Indianapolis and Chicago;*

13 *Whereas, The citizens of Lake and Porter counties have been*
14 *burdened with the cost of the testing and remediation required*
15 *under the I/M program, even though thousands of out-of-state*
16 *vehicles pass through these areas on a daily basis without the*
17 *burden of submitting to the I/M program;*

18 *Whereas, Lake and Porter counties are linked to the Chicago*
19 *Nonattainment Area based on violations in northeast Illinois*
20 *and southeast Wisconsin;*

21 *Whereas, Under the standards promulgated in 2015 for*
22 *ozone, nine monitors within the Chicago Nonattainment Area*
23 *exceed the standard, but none of the monitors are located in*
24 *Indiana; and*

25 *Whereas, Lake and Porter counties have the most stringent*
26 *suite of control measures in the Midwest, and have consistently*
27 *met EPA's objectives; Therefore,*

28 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the*
29 *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

30 SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives
31 urges the Honorable Donald J. Trump, President of the United
32 States, the Honorable Michael R. Pence, Vice President of the
33 United States, and members of the United States Congress from
34 Indiana to instruct the Environmental Protection Agency to



1 remove Lake and Porter counties from the Chicago
2 Nonattainment Area, and thereby eliminate the requirements
3 under which the motor vehicle inspection and maintenance
4 programs in Lake and Porter counties are operated.

5 SECTION 2. That copies of this resolution be transmitted by
6 the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives to the
7 Honorable Donald J. Trump, President of the United States; the
8 Honorable Michael R. Pence, Vice President of the United
9 States; the Honorable Joe Donnelly, the Honorable Todd
10 Young, the Honorable Pete Visclosky, the Honorable Jackie
11 Walorski, the Honorable Jim Banks, the Honorable Todd
12 Rokita, the Honorable Susan Brooks, the Honorable Luke
13 Messer, the Honorable Andre Carson, the Honorable Larry
14 Bucshon, and the Honorable Trey Hollingsworth of the U.S.
15 Congress; Scott Pruitt, the Administrator of the United States
16 Environmental Protection Agency; and Robert A. Kaplan, the
17 Acting Regional Administrator for EPA Region 5 in Chicago.

