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Representatives Wiggam, Plummer

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Carruthers, Roemer, Manning, D., Smith, T., Butler, Grendell, Rogers, Blessing,
Callender, Dean, Ghanbari, Ginter, Green, Greenspan, Hillyer, Holmes, A., Hood,
Hoops, Jones, Koehler, Merrin, Miller, A., Patton, Perales, Romanchuk, Scherer,**

Seitz, Stein, Stoltzfus, Strahorn, Wilkin

Senators Eklund, Manning, Coley

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge the federal government to designate certain drug 1
cartels operating as foreign terrorist organizations. 2

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

WHEREAS, The border of the United States presents unique 3
challenges and threats to the national security of the country; 4
and 5

WHEREAS, Transnational criminal organizations, commonly 6
known as drug cartels, control the majority of the flow of 7
opioids, heroin, methamphetamine, and cocaine and these groups 8
maintain territorial influence over large regions used for the 9
cultivation, production, importation, and transportation of 10
these illicit drugs into the United States and Ohio; and 11

WHEREAS, The drug cartels are also responsible for the 12
proliferation of human trafficking in the United States, 13
particularly in Ohio, as part and parcel of their drug 14

trafficking operations; and 15

WHEREAS, The drug cartels currently conduct operations on 16
United States soil in furtherance of drug trafficking and human 17
trafficking; and 18

WHEREAS, Abuse of opioids, including fentanyl, and human 19
trafficking are identified as direct threats to the economy, 20
well-being, and overall vitality of the state of Ohio, its 21
citizens, and future generations; and 22

WHEREAS, Section 219 of the Immigration and Nationality Act 23
(8 U.S.C. 1189) authorizes the United States Secretary of State, 24
in consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury and the 25
Attorney General, to designate an organization as a foreign 26
terrorist organization when certain criteria are met; and 27

WHEREAS, The drug cartels meet the criteria to be 28
designated foreign terrorist organizations under Section 219, 29
given that they are foreign in nature, they engage in or retain 30
the capability and intent to engage in terrorism, and they 31
threaten the security of United States nationals and the 32
national defense, foreign relations, and economic interests of 33
the United States; now therefore be it 34

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 133rd General 35
Assembly of the State of Ohio, respectfully urge the federal 36
government to designate drug cartels as foreign terrorist 37
organizations, so that the government may use appropriate means 38
to mitigate and eventually eliminate the operations of the 39
cartels; and be it further 40

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 41
transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the 42
Speaker and Minority Leader of the United States House of 43
Representatives, to the President Pro Tempore and Minority 44
Leader of the United States Senate, to Ohio's congressional 45

delegation, and to the news media of Ohio.

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