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A R E S O L U T I O N

To express support for strong Corporate Average Fuel Economy standards and clean car standards that promote job creation, are beneficial in keeping Ohio as an industry leader in manufacturing automobiles and automotive parts, and protect the environment for the future.

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

WHEREAS, The federal Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) standards for automobiles were first enacted by the Congress of the United States in 1975 to improve the average fuel economy of cars and light trucks produced for sale in the U.S. and to reduce oil imports. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has made permanent the standards for purposes of reducing greenhouse gas emissions for cars and light trucks for model years 2022 to 2025. However, the U.S. EPA and the U.S. Department of Transportation recently opened a public comment period for purposes of rewriting these standards; and

WHEREAS, The current CAFE standards and clean car standards for 2022 to 2025 maintain a strong industry standard that will save consumers over a trillion dollars when fully implemented, cut oil imports by over a third, and reduce carbon pollution in

an amount equal to the emissions of 85 million cars; and 21

WHEREAS, Since 2009, the automobile industry has added 22
nearly 300,000 retail and more than 400,000 manufacturing jobs 23
while meeting more stringent CAFE standards. The automobile 24
industry is a major contributor to Ohio's economy and employs 25
95,000 workers. In addition, 78 of Ohio's 88 counties currently 26
have at least one automobile-related industry plant, and the 27
automobile industry plans additional investment in Ohio; and 28

WHEREAS, A new car that meets the 2025 CAFE standards will 29
save the car's owner nearly \$4,000 in fuel costs compared to a 30
new car manufactured in 2017. The existing CAFE standards have 31
saved American drivers over \$32 billion in fuel costs for model 32
years 2012 to 2016; and 33

WHEREAS, The existing CAFE standards have resulted in a 34
reduction of over 142 million metric tons of carbon pollution 35
from the transportation sector of the economy. The 2022 to 2025 36
standards are critical in reducing carbon emissions further and 37
preventing the worst effects of climate change. The 38
transportation sector is a major producer of heat-trapping 39
carbon emissions and produces more carbon emissions than power 40
plants. Automobiles contribute about 60% of all transportation- 41
related carbon emissions; and 42

WHEREAS, Reversing direction on the 2022 to 2025 CAFE 43
standards is unjustified and unwarranted and re-opening the 44
standards would only cause more pollution and economic harm to 45
Ohio and the U.S.; now therefore be it 46

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of 47
Representatives of the 132nd General Assembly of the State of 48
Ohio, urge the President of the United States, the United States 49
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the United States 50
Department of Transportation to keep the 2022 to 2025 CAFE 51
standards that promote job creation, are beneficial in keeping 52

Ohio as an industry leader in manufacturing automobiles and 53
automotive parts, and protect the environment for the future; 54
and be it further 55

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of 56
Representatives of the 132nd General Assembly of the State of 57
Ohio, urge the U.S. EPA and the U.S. Department of 58
Transportation to consider the U.S. EPA's analysis that shows 59
that the model year 2022 to 2025 CAFE standards and greenhouse 60
gas standards would significantly reduce carbon pollution, 61
reduce oil consumption, and benefit society; and be it further 62

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 63
transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the 64
President of the United States, the President Pro Tempore and 65
Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and Clerk of 66
the United States House of Representatives, the Ohio 67
Congressional delegation, and the news media of Ohio. 68