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A RESOLUTION

To urge the United States Congress to pass 1
legislation requiring railroad companies to 2
inform local and state government officials when 3
trains carrying potentially hazardous materials 4
travel through their respective jurisdictions. 5

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

WHEREAS, A Norfolk Southern train carrying hazardous 6
materials derailed in East Palestine, Ohio on February 3, 2023; 7
and 8

WHEREAS, At the time of its derailment, the train was not 9
considered a high-hazard flammable train by the United States 10
Department of Transportation; and 11

WHEREAS, Ten of the 50 railroad cars that derailed 12
contained chemicals such as vinyl chloride, butyl acrylate, 13
ethylhexyl acrylate, and ethylene glycol monobutyl, all of which 14
are dangerous to life and the environment; and 15

WHEREAS, As a result of the derailment, the hazardous 16
chemicals have contaminated the air and water of East Palestine, 17
forcing its residents to live in fear for their health; and 18

WHEREAS, The State of Ohio was not aware that a train 19
carrying such hazardous materials was traversing through the 20
state; and 21

WHEREAS, The federal government should inform local and 22
state government officials when trains carrying potentially 23
hazardous materials travel through their respective 24
jurisdictions; now therefore be it 25

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 135th 26
General Assembly of the State of Ohio, urge the United States 27
Congress to pass legislation requiring railroad companies to 28
inform local and state government officials when trains, similar 29
to the one that derailed in East Palestine, carrying potentially 30
hazardous materials travel through their respective 31
jurisdictions; and be it further 32

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit duly 33
authenticated copies of this resolution to the Speaker of the 34
United States House of Representatives, members of the Ohio 35
Congressional delegation, and the news media of Ohio. 36