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**Cosponsors: Senators Harris, Cafaro, Faber, Mumper, Buehrer, Austria,  
Coughlin, Seitz, Wagoner, Schuler, Fedor, Carey, Grendell, Niehaus,  
Schaffer, Spada**

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**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To urge the President of the United States and the 1  
United States Congress to secure our nation's 2  
borders and to aggressively enforce all existing 3  
federal immigration laws. 4

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

WHEREAS, It is the duty of the federal government to secure 5  
the borders of the United States and to protect the security of 6  
United States citizens; and 7

WHEREAS, Ohio welcomes immigrants and refugees who are 8  
entering the United States legally; and 9

WHEREAS, The growing number of illegal immigrants currently 10  
in the United States demonstrates that existing immigration laws 11  
and enforcement measures are not sufficient to stop illegal 12  
immigrants from crossing our borders; and 13

WHEREAS, Current federal immigration law and practices do not 14  
adequately address illegal immigration and drain limited local, 15  
state, and federal resources for educational, social services, 16  
judicial, law enforcement, and penal systems, thereby causing an 17

economic hardship on the State of Ohio and our nation; and 18  
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WHEREAS, Current federal immigration law and practices cause 20  
our citizens to question, the federal government's ability to 21  
secure our borders; and 22

WHEREAS, Current federal immigration law and practices have 23  
caused Ohio citizens and the citizens of other states to look to 24  
state and local government to solve immigration problems that 25  
would be more adequately addressed by a comprehensive and vigorous 26  
federal effort to secure our borders and to enforce current 27  
immigration laws more effectively; now therefore be it 28

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 127th General Assembly 29  
of the State of Ohio, on behalf of the citizens of Ohio, urge the 30  
President of the United States and the members of the United 31  
States Congress to take swift action to enhance and enforce 32  
federal immigration law in order to provide a comprehensive 33  
national resolution to the illegal immigration problem that exists 34  
in Ohio and throughout the nation, and that federal action 35  
include, but not be limited to: 36

(1) Securing our nation's borders by stopping unlawful entry 37  
that is now made by many means of transportation; 38

(2) Aggressively enforcing federal immigration laws that are 39  
already in place; and 40

(3) Cooperating with the State of Ohio and other states in 41  
order to address current problems faced in the states by the 42  
illegal immigration that now exists; and be it further 43

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit duly 44  
authenticated copies of this resolution to the President of the 45  
United States, the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of 46  
Representatives, the President Pro Tempore and the Secretary of 47  
the United States Senate, the members of the Ohio Congressional 48

delegation, and the news media of Ohio.

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