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SENATE RESOLUTION No. 4

DIGEST OF RESOLUTION

A SENATE RESOLUTION concerning the motor vehicle inspection and maintenance programs in Lake and Porter counties.

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January 3, 2018, read first time and referred to Committee on Homeland Security and Transportation.
January 11, 2018, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass.

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MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

1 A SENATE RESOLUTION concerning the motor vehicle
2 inspection and maintenance programs in Lake and Porter
3 counties.

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

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

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

17 *Whereas, Generally, only vehicles registered in Lake and*
18 *Porter counties are subject to the I/M programs in Lake and*
19 *Porter counties;*

20 *Whereas, Lake and Porter counties in northwest Indiana are*
21 *intersected by Interstate Highway 80/90 and Interstate*
22 *Highway 94, two of the most heavily traveled highways in the*

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1 *Midwest, and Lake County is also intersected by Interstate*
 2 *Highway 65, another heavily traveled highway, linking major*
 3 *southern cities with Indianapolis and Chicago;*

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

9 *Whereas, Lake and Porter counties are linked to the Chicago*
 10 *Nonattainment Area based on violations in northeast Illinois*
 11 *and southeast Wisconsin;*

12 *Whereas, Under the standards promulgated in 2015 for*
 13 *ozone, nine monitors within the Chicago Nonattainment Area*
 14 *exceed the standard, but none of the monitors are located in*
 15 *Indiana; and*

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

19 *Be it resolved by the Senate*
 20 *of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

21 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly urges the
 22 Honorable Donald J. Trump, President of the United States, the
 23 Honorable Michael R. Pence, Vice President of the United
 24 States, and members of the United States Congress from
 25 Indiana to instruct the Environmental Protection Agency to
 26 remove Lake and Porter counties from the Chicago
 27 Nonattainment Area, and thereby eliminate the requirements
 28 under which the motor vehicle inspection and maintenance
 29 programs in Lake and Porter counties are operated.

30 SECTION 2. That copies of this resolution be transmitted by
 31 the Secretary of the Senate to the Honorable Donald J. Trump,
 32 President of the United States; the Honorable Michael R. Pence,
 33 Vice President of the United States; the Honorable Joe
 34 Donnelly, the Honorable Todd Young, the Honorable Pete
 35 Visclosky, the Honorable Jackie Walorski, the Honorable Jim
 36 Banks, the Honorable Todd Rokita, the Honorable Susan
 37 Brooks, the Honorable Luke Messer, the Honorable Andre



1 Carson, the Honorable Larry Bucshon, and the Honorable Trey
2 Hollingsworth of the U.S. Congress; Scott Pruitt, the
3 Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection
4 Agency; and Robert A. Kaplan, the Acting Regional
5 Administrator for EPA Region 5 in Chicago.



COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Transportation, to which was referred Senate Resolution No. 4, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

Page 1, line 8, delete "Indiana" and insert "*Illinois*".

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SR 4 as introduced.)

CRIDER, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0.

