As Reported by the House Transportation Committee

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H. R. No. 198

Representative Williams

Cosponsors: Representatives McClain, Dobos, Carruthers, John, Johnson

A RESOLUTION

То	express support for consumer choice in the	1
	automotive marketplace and against government-	2
	preferred vehicle technology mandates that will	3
	harm Ohio's consumers by prematurely requiring	4
	the transition of the automotive fleet from	5
	internal combustion powered vehicles to all-	6
	electric vehicles.	7

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

WHEREAS, All Ohio residents deserve access to affordable,	8	
practical, and technologically neutral options for	9	
transportation in the new and used motor vehicle marketplace;		
and	11	
WHEREAS, An overwhelming majority of Ohioans have chosen to	12	
purchase vehicles equipped with an internal combustion engine;		
and	14	
WHEREAS, The median household income of Ohioans from 2017-	15	
2021 was \$61,938 as determined by the U.S. Census Bureau; and	16	
WHEREAS, The average cost of a new all-electric vehicle is	17	
more than \$58,000, making the mandated purchase of these	18	
vehicles unaffordable and, thus, unattainable for the majority		

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of Ohioans; and	20	
WHEREAS, 198,000 Ohioans are employed in the automotive	21	
sector, which contributes over \$12.1 billion in labor income to	22	
the state's economy; and	23	
WHEREAS, The CEO of Ford stated that manufacturing electric	24	
vehicles requires approximately 40% less labor than internal	25	
combustion engine powered automobiles. Therefore, thousands of	26	
family-sustaining union jobs are at risk; and	27	
WHEREAS, PJM, the regional transmission organization that	28	
coordinates the movement of wholesale electricity in all or	29	
parts of 13 states and the District of Columbia has warned that	30	
40 GW of existing electric generation are at risk of retirement	31	
by 2030; and	32	
WHEREAS, According to the U.S. Geological Survey's	33	
assessment of critical minerals, the United States depends on	34	
countries that have poor environmental records and antagonistic	35	
relations, like China, for many of the minerals necessary for	36	
deployment of all-electric vehicles; and	37	
WHEREAS, Federal and state regulators have failed to	38	
adequately consider the cost impact to vulnerable communities,	39	
the displacement of American jobs, the capacity of our electric	40	
infrastructure, and our ability to bring supply chains governed	41	
by hostile-actors to America when encouraging vehicle mandates;	42	
now therefore be it	43	
RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of	44	
Representatives of the 135th General Assembly of the State of	45	
Ohio reaffirm the State of Ohio's commitment to consumer choice	46	
in the automotive marketplace by neither mandating nor	47	
prohibiting the purchase of specific vehicle technologies; and	48	
be it further	49	
RESOLVED, That we respectfully urge the Biden	50	

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Administration to ensure all regulations being promulgated by	51
the U.S. EPA regarding light-, medium-, and heavy-duty vehicles	52
protect American families and workers by being both economically	53
practicable and technologically feasible, which means preventing	54
direct or indirect electric vehicle mandates; and be it further	55
RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives	56
transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the	57
President of the United States, the Secretary of the U.S.	58
Department of Energy, the Secretary of the U.S. Environmental	59
Protection Agency, the Speaker and Clerk of the United States	60
House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore and	61
Secretary of the United States Senate, the members of the Ohio	62
Congressional Delegation, and the news media of Ohio.	63