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**S. R. No. 552**

**Senator Huffman, M.**

**Cosponsors: Senators Gavarone, Hoagland, Hottinger, Brenner, Peterson,  
Schaffer, Roegner, Huffman, S., Eklund, Kunze**

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**A R E S O L U T I O N**

To urge the Big Ten Athletic Conference Commissioner 1  
to allow Big Ten member institutions to 2  
participate in athletic competitions for the 2020 3  
fall season. 4

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

WHEREAS, The Big Ten Athletic Conference canceled athletic 5  
competitions for the 2020 fall season due to the ongoing COVID- 6  
19 coronavirus outbreak; and 7

WHEREAS, Other athletic conferences across the country are 8  
allowing athletic competitions for the 2020 fall season; and 9

WHEREAS, Big Ten student-athletes, students, parents, 10  
coaches, and fans have expressed concerns about the negative 11  
impacts of canceling those competitions; and 12

WHEREAS, The Big Ten is home to renowned institutions of 13  
higher education, scientific research, and medicine that lead in 14  
health and safety protocols to limit the spread of the COVID-19 15  
coronavirus; and 16

WHEREAS, The Ohio Senate supports Big Ten student-athletes 17  
in their long-term academic and athletic pursuits; now therefore 18

be it 19

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 133rd 20  
General Assembly of the State of Ohio, in adopting this 21  
resolution, urge the Big Ten Athletic Conference Commissioner to 22  
allow member institutions to participate in athletic 23  
competitions for the 2020 fall season; and be it further 24

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit duly 25  
authenticated copies of this resolution to the Big Ten Athletic 26  
Conference Commissioner and to the news media of Ohio. 27