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**HOUSE
RESOLUTION No. _____**

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1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION urging the United States House
2 of Representatives and the United States Senate to immediately
3 vote to repeal the medical device excise tax.

4 *Whereas, Indiana is home to more than 1,687 companies*
5 *dedicated to the life science industry, and a significant*
6 *proportion of those firms are medical device manufacturers;*

7 *Whereas, Indiana employs in excess of 56,198 workers in the*
8 *medical technology industry and exports more than \$10 billion*
9 *in products annually, the second highest value of exports by*
10 *state in the United States;*

11 *Whereas, The life science industry accounts for 28 percent*
12 *of Indiana's total manufacturing exports;*

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1 *Whereas, Improvements in minimally invasive medical*
2 *technologies have led to significant advances in the health of*
3 *patients and have made it easier to diagnose and treat patients'*
4 *problems;*

5 *Whereas, The medical device industry is one of the few U.S.*
6 *industries that enjoys a net trade surplus, exporting more than*
7 *the U.S. imports. The United States is the only net exporter of*
8 *medical devices in the world, and the United States medical*
9 *technology industry generates a \$5.4 billion trade surplus;*

10 *Whereas, The United States Congress passed a 2.3 percent*
11 *excise tax on the sale price of the taxable medical devices,*
12 *which took effect on January 1, 2013;*

13 *Whereas, Employment in the United States medical device*
14 *industry has declined by nearly 29,000 jobs since the enactment*
15 *of the medical device tax, according to the United States*
16 *Department of Commerce;*

17 *Whereas, On December 18, 2015, Congress passed the*
18 *Consolidated Appropriations Act, which included a two year*
19 *moratorium on the medical device excise tax; and*

20 *Whereas, Without a full repeal of the medical device excise*
21 *tax, there will be a substantial decline in research and*
22 *development for minimally invasive, life-saving cures and*
23 *treatment, an increase in patient suffering and mortality, and*
24 *an exodus of jobs to low-tax nations: Therefore,*

25 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the*
26 *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

27 SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives urges the
28 United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate
29 to immediately repeal in its entirety the medical device excise tax.

30 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
31 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to Paul Ryan,
32 Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and each
33 member of the Indiana congressional delegation.

