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A SENATE RESOLUTION concerning the Motor Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Programs in Lake and Porter Counties.

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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 Counties.

3           *Whereas, The motor vehicle inspection and maintenance (I/M)*  
4           *programs in Lake and Porter Counties were begun under federal*  
5           *requirements in 1984 because Lake and Porter Counties were not in*  
6           *"attainment" of federal standards for ozone;*

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

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

13          *Whereas, An I/M program cannot reduce the ground-level ozone*  
14          *caused by a vehicle if the vehicle is not subject to the I/M program;*

15          *Whereas, Generally, only vehicles registered in Lake and Porter*  
16          *Counties are subject to the I/M programs in Lake and Porter Counties;*

17          *Whereas, Lake and Porter Counties in northwest Indiana are crossed*  
18          *by Interstate Highway 80/90 and Interstate Highway 94, two of the*  
19          *most heavily traveled highways in the Midwest, and Lake County is*  
20          *also crossed by Interstate Highway 65, another heavily traveled*  
21          *highway linking major southern cities with Chicago;*

22          *Whereas, The I/M programs, therefore, cannot do anything to*  
23          *address a major source of ground-level ozone in Lake and Porter*  
24          *Counties; namely, the many motor vehicles passing through Lake and*  
25          *Porter Counties on Interstate Highways 80/90, 94, and 65;*



1       *Whereas, The United States EPA itself predicts that remote sensing*  
2       *technologies may soon offer the potential for a fast and convenient way*  
3       *to identify high-emitting vehicles by taking a "snapshot" of a vehicle's*  
4       *emissions as it passes by a sensor located on the side of the road; and*

5       *Whereas, The United States EPA's establishment this past October*  
6       *of a new, lower ozone standard of 70 parts per billion makes this an*  
7       *appropriate point for federal and state environmental regulators to*  
8       *appraise the ozone control measures in place and consider whether*  
9       *new measures should replace them: Therefore,*

10                               *Be it resolved by the Senate*  
11                               *of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

12       SECTION 1. That the Indiana Senate urges the Environmental  
13       Protection Agency to revise or eliminate the requirements under which  
14       the motor vehicle inspection and maintenance (I/M) programs in Lake  
15       and Porter Counties are operated.

16       SECTION 2. That the Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to  
17       transmit a copy of this resolution to Gina McCarthy, the Administrator  
18       of the United States Environmental Protection Agency, and to Susan  
19       Hedman, Administrator for Region 5 Office of the Environmental  
20       Protection Agency in Chicago.

