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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Calling on the Congress of the United States to pass legislation  
2 ending the practice of corporate inversion.

3 WHEREAS, Corporate inversion is the practice of nominally  
4 relocating a corporation's headquarters to a country with more  
5 favorable tax laws, typically while keeping the corporation's  
6 major operations in its country of origin; and

7 WHEREAS, A number of American corporations have engaged in  
8 the practice of corporate inversion recently; and

9 WHEREAS, Corporate inversion reduces the taxes a corporation  
10 pays to the Federal Government as well as State and local  
11 governments; and

12 WHEREAS, Taxes fund the maintenance of this country's  
13 infrastructure, including roads, rails and utilities, and also  
14 police and fire protection forces, court systems, economic and  
15 research development grants and education and worker development  
16 programs, all of which allow businesses to thrive; and

17 WHEREAS, Corporate inversion shirks corporations'

1 responsibilities to contribute to the maintenance of programs  
2 from which the corporations benefit, unfairly moving the tax  
3 burden to the remaining domestic corporations and citizens; and

4 WHEREAS, The United States of America, through its many  
5 programs and entrepreneurial culture, has helped bring these  
6 corporations into existence and nurtured their growth; and

7 WHEREAS, Corporations have a patriotic duty to support their  
8 country and a responsibility to future generations of workers  
9 and entrepreneurs to help fund the programs and services from  
10 which they benefited; and

11 WHEREAS, There is currently legislation before the United  
12 States Congress that would help to end this unpatriotic and  
13 unethical practice; therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the  
15 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania call on the United States Congress  
16 to pass legislation ending the practice of corporate inversion;  
17 and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the  
19 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania call on American corporations to  
20 perform their patriotic duty in supporting the infrastructure  
21 that helped their initial success and allows them to continue to  
22 be profitable.