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A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the President of the United States to consider the
2 current geopolitical tensions and support policies and take
3 measures to ensure America's long-term energy affordability,
4 security, leadership and progress, including actions that
5 result in the continued operation of existing oil and natural
6 gas pipelines, the construction of new pipelines and the end
7 of restrictions on developing our nations onshore and
8 offshore oil and natural gas resources.

9 WHEREAS, Oil and natural gas are vital components of our
10 nation's economy, providing more than 11 million jobs
11 nationwide; and

12 WHEREAS, The oil and natural gas industry provides 480,300
13 total jobs and \$78.3 billion in gross domestic income in the
14 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and

15 WHEREAS, United States energy abundance has provided security
16 that has historically led to reliable, affordable energy for
17 American consumers and our allies; and

18 WHEREAS, As current geopolitical events pose potential
19 economic disruptions and inflation already affects households
20 both in the United States and across Europe, the world is
21 looking to America for energy leadership and stability; and

1 WHEREAS, Operation and expansion of our oil and natural gas
2 pipelines, key to America's energy success, provide the most
3 efficient means of transporting these commodities but are being
4 blocked by the Federal Government and many state governments;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, The Biden Administration continues to increase costs
7 and delay efforts to develop oil and natural gas leasing on
8 Federal lands and waters despite the fact that the programs
9 provide billions in revenues to Federal, State and local
10 governments and support conservation programs throughout the
11 United States; and

12 WHEREAS, United States offshore areas are among the lowest
13 carbon-intensive energy-producing regions of the world; and

14 WHEREAS, Halting offshore leasing and development will shift
15 production and capital investment overseas and undermine decades
16 of environmental progress; therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
18 urge the President of the United States to take measures and
19 support policies that ensure long-term American energy
20 leadership, security and progress, including those resulting in
21 the continued operation of existing oil and natural gas
22 pipelines, the construction of new oil and gas pipelines and the
23 resumption of consistent and Federal lease sales and the
24 immediate preparation of a new five-year program to guide future
25 offshore leasing; and be it further

26 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate of the
27 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania transmit copies of this resolution
28 to the President of the United States, the United States
29 Secretary of the Interior, the United States Secretary of
30 Transportation, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and

1 each member of the Pennsylvania Congressional Delegation.