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**Senator Yuko**

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**A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To urge Congress to enact legislation denying firearms 1  
and explosives to suspected terrorists. 2

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF OHIO (THE HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING):**

WHEREAS, Terrorism in all forms and manifestations 3  
constitutes one of the most serious threats to peace and 4  
security and any acts of terrorism are criminal and 5  
unjustifiable regardless of their motivations, whenever, 6  
wherever, and by whomsoever committed; and 7

WHEREAS, Terrorism poses a threat to national peace and 8  
security and countering this threat requires collective efforts 9  
on national and state levels; and 10

WHEREAS, A person who had been investigated by the Federal 11  
Bureau of Investigation on two separate occasions in the past 12  
three years and had previously been listed on a United States 13  
terrorist watch list for potential terrorist activities legally 14  
purchased and obtained one semiautomatic pistol and one 15  
semiautomatic rifle; and 16

WHEREAS, The aforementioned individual used his legally 17  
obtained firearms, one week after purchase, to commit the 18  
deadliest mass shooting in recent United States history, killing 19  
forty-nine people and wounding fifty-three others; and 20

WHEREAS, No current federal law prohibits individuals 21  
currently or previously under investigation by the Federal 22  
Bureau of Investigation from legally purchasing a firearm; and 23

WHEREAS, No current federal law prohibits individuals who 24  
are on a United States terrorist watch list from legally 25  
purchasing a firearm; and 26

WHEREAS, Ohio Governor John Kasich has publicly stated that 27  
individuals suspected of terrorist activity should be legally 28  
prohibited from purchasing firearms; and 29

WHEREAS, There is bipartisan support from leaders 30  
throughout Ohio and throughout the entire United States in favor 31  
of prohibiting terrorism suspects from legally purchasing 32  
firearms; and 33

WHEREAS, A recent Quinnipiac University poll found that 34  
eighty-three per cent of Americans, including seventy-seven per 35  
cent of Republicans, eighty-nine per cent of Democrats, and 36  
eighty-five per cent of Independents support legally prohibiting 37  
terrorism suspects from purchasing firearms; and 38

WHEREAS, The "Denying Firearms and Explosives to Dangerous 39  
Terrorists Act of 2015" has been introduced in the United States 40  
Congress and would grant the United States Attorney General the 41  
authority to deny the transfer of firearms or the issuance of a 42  
federal firearms and explosives license to any individual if the 43  
Attorney General determines that such individual has been 44  
engaged in or has provided material support or resources for 45  
terrorist activities and the Attorney General has a reasonable 46  
belief that such individual may use a firearm or explosive in 47  
connection with terrorism; and 48

WHEREAS, The "Denying Firearms and Explosives to Dangerous 49  
Terrorists Act of 2015" has failed to pass the United States 50  
Senate despite bipartisan support and its ability to prevent 51

mass shootings such as the one that occurred in Orlando, Florida 52  
on June 12, 2016; now therefore be it 53

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 131st General 54  
Assembly of the State of Ohio, on behalf of all citizens of this 55  
state, urge the President of the United States and the United 56  
States Congress to enact legislation denying firearms and 57  
explosives to suspected terrorists; and be it further 58

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit duly 59  
authenticated copies of this resolution to the President of the 60  
United States, the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House 61  
of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore and the Secretary 62  
of the United States Senate, the members of the Ohio 63  
Congressional delegation, and the news media of Ohio. 64