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HOUSE SIMPLE RESOLUTION DRHR30579-MC-341

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Sponsors: Representative Hawkins.

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Referred  
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1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING CONGRESS TO PRESERVE NORTH  
2 CAROLINA'S AUTHORITY TO REGULATE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN  
3 MATTERS RELATED TO CONSUMER PROTECTION AND TO OPPOSE FEDERAL  
4 MORATORIA THAT WOULD RESTRICT STATES FROM ENFORCING EXISTING  
5 LAWS.

6 Whereas, states have a legitimate interest in and duty to protect their citizens from  
7 fraud, price gouging, unfair and deceptive trade practices, and other harmful or abusive  
8 commercial practices; and

9 Whereas, artificial intelligence and automated systems are increasingly being used by  
10 malicious actors in the commercial space to take unfair advantage of consumers; and

11 Whereas, many states, including North Carolina, have laws providing for consumer  
12 protection and such laws should be enforceable and remain within the province of the State to  
13 the extent necessary to conform and apply the laws as the circumstances require to address these  
14 new systems of abuse; and

15 Whereas, states should proactively continue to monitor the commercial space and take  
16 actions against abusive practices in order to protect consumers regardless of the modalities used  
17 by malicious actors to prey upon others; and

18 Whereas, North Carolina affirms its authority to enforce consumer protection laws  
19 when AI is involved and rejects limitations imposed by federal action where that action material  
20 diminishes or compromises the State's duty to protect its citizenry; Now, therefore,  
21 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

22 **SECTION 1.** The United States Congress is urged to take any and all necessary steps  
23 to continue to allow states to regulate harmful uses of artificial intelligence, to allow State entities  
24 to retain full investigative and enforcement authority over such harmful uses, to affirm that states  
25 may enact laws addressing consumer harms arising from artificial intelligence usage, and to  
26 otherwise preserve North Carolina's authority and duty to investigate, regulate, and enforce laws  
27 against harmful and deceptive trade practices perpetrated by unlawful actors, regardless of  
28 whether those actors use artificial intelligence or more traditional means of subterfuge.

29 **SECTION 2.** This resolution is effective upon adoption.

