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**Schaffer Resolution Urging Action Against
Foreign Glass Dumping Unanimously Passes Ohio Senate**
Unfair Trade Practices Hurting Fairfield County Families

COLUMBUS—State Senator Tim Schaffer (R–Lancaster) today announced that Senate Resolution 410 has passed the Ohio Senate (32-0) and will be transmitted immediately to the Ohio Congressional Delegation, the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Commerce, and the President of the United States.

The resolution will urge the U.S. Department of Commerce to investigate instances of “dumping” and subsidized imports, which hurt U.S. glass manufacturers such as Anchor Hocking. Similar investigations of other industries have yielded results leading to penalties imposed on countries found to be participating in such practices.

Several large American glass companies have fallen on hard times in recent years, often citing “dumping” and subsidized imports as a cause.

“Today’s passage of this resolution reinforces the seriousness of dumping and subsidized imports,” Schaffer explained. “We’re telling the federal government that we will no longer sit by and watch Ohio businesses suffer from unfair foreign trade practices.”

The governments of foreign countries, particularly China, underwrite production of their glass manufacturers, allowing them to artificially reduce costs and flood American markets with cheap imported glass. For example, it has been reported that China’s glass producers received roughly \$30.3 billion in subsidies between 2004 and 2008.

“This resolution will show the federal government that Ohio is serious about preventing foreign glass producers from intentionally damaging our domestic glass producers and workers,” Schaffer said. “The jobs and livelihoods of Ohio families depend on the federal

government taking a stand to protect our domestic marketplace from unethical practices by foreign producers. This resolution will further emphasize to the federal government we need an even playing field to protect Ohio's domestic producers.”

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State Senator Tim Schaffer was elected to the Ohio Senate in 2006 after serving in the Ohio House of Representatives for six years. His legislative accomplishments include enacting anti-corruption reforms, income tax indexing, and stronger penalties on sexual predators. He and his wife reside in Lancaster. For more information, please visit <http://OhioSenate.gov/Schaffer>.

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