



46           **WHEREAS**, the Biden-Harris Administration granted \$2 million in funding for  
47 environmental justice projects in Ohio through the U.S. EPA’s Environmental Justice  
48 Collaborative Problem Solving Cooperative Agreement<sup>9</sup>; and  
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50           **WHEREAS**, Ohio House Bill 429, a bill introduced in the 2022 legislative session  
51 by Representatives Casey Weinstein and Stephanie Howse, sought to launch  
52 environmental justice programs and build clean energy policy that recognizes equity for  
53 historically marginalized communities, but it failed in committee<sup>10</sup>; and  
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55           **WHEREAS**, the U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio, Kenneth L.  
56 Parker, established a new environmental justice initiative for the district in October 2022  
57 to enforce environmental laws and prosecute violations leading to discriminatory  
58 environmental and health impacts<sup>11</sup>; and  
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60           **WHEREAS**, the AMA has policies recognizing the harmful impacts to health that  
61 environmental pollution and destruction may have and supports the development of  
62 environmental committees as well as programs to combat racism (H-65.952; H-135.  
63 931; H-135.932; H 135.973; H-135.969; 135-997); and  
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65           **WHEREAS**, the OSMA “encourages the development of policy to combat climate  
66 change and its health effects in Ohio and to mitigate the undesirable environmental  
67 conditions that damage Ohioans’ health” (Policy 27 – 2022); and therefore  
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69           **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the OSMA encourages state action to address and  
70 remediate environmental injustice and other environmental conditions adversely  
71 impacting health in marginalized communities.  
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73 **Fiscal Note:**           \$ (Sponsor)  
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**Policy 27 – 2022 – Recognition of Climate Change as a Threat to Ohio’s Health**

- 126 1. The OSMA encourages the development of policy to combat climate change and its health  
127 effects in Ohio and to mitigate the undesirable environmental conditions that damage Ohioans’  
128 health.
- 129 2. The OSMA encourages education of the broader Ohio medical community to the serious  
130 adverse health effects of climate change and local conditions of climate variation.

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132 **Policy 09 – 2019 – Impact of Climate Change on Human Health**

133 1. That the Ohio State Medical Association supports efforts at the state level for expansion of  
134 renewable sources of energy.

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