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DELAWARE STATE SENATE
151st GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 33

EXPRESSING CONCERN OVER NATIONAL INFLATION AND FEDERAL SPENDING NEGATIVELY
IMPACTING CITIZENS IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

1 WHEREAS, the State of Delaware is emerging from a two-year pandemic and while the state and country has
2 undergone a historic economic recovery, national inflation has risen significantly meaning higher prices for groceries and
3 gasoline for Delawareans; and

4 WHEREAS, although these inflationary factors are beyond our control in Delaware, residents have experienced a
5 significant rise in prices for goods and services during the past year; and

6 WHEREAS, the Delaware General Assembly found it necessary to provide specific and immediate economic
7 relief in the form of a rebate to residents of the State of Delaware known as the “2022 Delaware Relief Rebate Program” as
8 a result of inflation; and

9 WHEREAS, rising inflation is the direct result of government stimulus, which significantly increased household
10 income and demand at a time when labor markets and other business functions remain below their pre-pandemic strengths;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, faced with an unprecedented pandemic and economic downturn in 2020, the federal government
13 responded with an unprecedented fiscal and monetary response by authorizing \$6 trillion in new spending as part of the
14 *American Rescue Plan, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act*, and other legislation; and

15 WHEREAS, the Federal Reserve simultaneously purchased over \$4 trillion of new assets to inject capital and
16 liquidity into the market; in turn, federal debt rose substantially and is currently equal to the size of the economy, standing
17 at almost 100% of the GDP; and

18 WHEREAS, over a year after the recession officially ended, Congress continues to pursue massive new
19 government spending measures—including a \$3.5 trillion budget resolution, the single largest spending package in history;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, if high inflation persists, it will harm American families by decreasing their purchasing power and
22 recent measures of consumer sentiment have also dropped significantly, with surveys showing that Americans are
23 increasingly concerned about inflation; and

24 WHEREAS, the reopening of the economy after global COVID-19 shutdowns has generated temporary inflation
25 in key consumer goods; producers are experiencing both shortages and rising costs for intermediate inputs, raw materials,
26 and labor, which they are in turn passing on to consumers; and

27 WHEREAS, compounding the pressures of constrained supply, increases in household income from government
28 stimulus measures has ignited more lasting demand-driven inflation; and

29 WHEREAS, if Congress continues to enact new government spending that further increases consumer demand
30 while supply remains constrained, inflation could become worse; and

31 WHEREAS, Congress should therefore consider the inflationary risks of continuing its recent pattern of
32 ballooning government spending and the American people would be better served by policies geared toward returning
33 Americans to work and removing barriers to business investment in American workers.

34 NOW, THEREFORE:

35 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the 151st General Assembly of the State of Delaware, that we acknowledge
36 the rise in national inflation and its negative impact on the citizens of Delaware.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate acknowledges rising inflation is the direct result of government
38 stimulus and massive new government spending measures and if Congress continues to enact new government spending
39 that further increases consumer demand while supply remains constrained, inflation could become worse.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate urges the federal government to reign in government spending and
41 practice fiscal restraint just like every American is doing.

SYNOPSIS

This resolution expresses concern over national inflation and federal spending negatively impacting the citizens in the State of Delaware.

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