

SENATE RESOLUTION 28

(By Senators Clements, Azinger, Barnhart, Chapman,
Garcia, Oliverio, Rose, Weld, and Taylor)

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1 Expressing support for the I-68 Energy Manufacturing AI Corridor.

2 Whereas, The West Virginia Route 2/Interstate 68 (I-68) Authority was established by the
3 Legislature on April 12, 1997, with the passage of House Bill 2539 and signed by Governor Cecil
4 Underwood on May 2, 1997; and

5 Whereas, The extension of Interstate 68 from its junction with I-79 near Morgantown, West
6 Virginia, to West Virginia Route 2 at Kent, West Virginia, has been sought after even before the
7 creation of the authority; and

8 Whereas, The Shale Crescent region in Ohio, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania is the
9 premiere low-cost and most profitable energy manufacturing region; and

10 Whereas, The project to extend Interstate 68 has the potential to accelerate private and
11 government revenues and create thousands of jobs in the Shale Crescent region; and

12 Whereas, President Trump's administration, during his first term in office, supported this
13 project by working with and holding meetings at the White House with the West Virginia Route 2/I-
14 68 Authority; and

15 Whereas, The White House arranged meetings with the United States Department of
16 Transportation, Department of Commerce, and the Department of Energy in Washington, D.C.,
17 and obtained their support for the I-68 economic engine under President Trump's first term to
18 expedite this project; and

19 Whereas, This project would play a major role in accomplishing President Trump's current

1 agenda to create conditions for economic growth and opportunity for re-shoring energy
2 manufacturing AI; and

3 Whereas, The extension of I-68 has never been more important than now; therefore, be it

4 *Resolved by the Senate:*

5 That the Senate hereby expresses support for the I-68 Energy Manufacturing AI Corridor;
6 and, be it

7 *Further Resolved,* That the Senate fully supports and urges the Trump White House,
8 Governor Patrick Morrisey, the Legislature, and representatives of both state and federal
9 government bodies to do everything in their power to secure funding to extend and build the I-68
10 Energy Manufacturing AI Corridor from the junction with I-79 near Morgantown, West Virginia, to
11 West Virginia Route 2 at Kent, West Virginia, then across the Ohio River to Clarington, Ohio, to I-
12 77 near Caldwell, Ohio, and eventually westward to I-75 between Dayton and Middletown, Ohio.