

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 16

Reps. Green, Markkanen, Filler, Steven Johnson and Webber offered the following concurrent resolution:

1 A concurrent resolution to urge the Congress of the United
2 States to submit the Regulation Freedom Amendment to the states for
3 ratification.

4 Whereas, The growth and abuse of federal regulatory authority
5 threaten our constitutional liberties, including those guaranteed
6 by the Bill of Rights in the First, Second, Fourth, and Fifth
7 amendments to the United States Constitution; and

8 Whereas, During the 115th Congress, Congress and the President
9 set a historic record for rolling back and repealing abusive
10 regulations through the Congressional Review Act (CRA), and
11 American families are seeing the benefits of economic growth
12 created by the lessening of federal regulatory control; and

13 Whereas, Congress and the President's successful use of the



1 CRA has opened the door for further reforms to the regulatory
2 process, such as the REINS Act and the Regulation Freedom Amendment
3 to the U.S. Constitution (RFA); and

4 Whereas, The REINS Act would require congressional approval
5 for regulations likely to result in an economic impact of \$100
6 million or more; major increases to costs or prices for consumers,
7 industries, government agencies, or regions; or significant adverse
8 effects on the ability of U.S.-based businesses to compete with
9 foreign companies. The U.S. House of Representatives passed a
10 version of the REINS Act in January 2017; and

11 Whereas, The RFA would go further than the REINS Act,
12 enshrining legislative review of administrative regulations in the
13 U.S. Constitution. In addition to regulations covered under the
14 REINS Act, the RFA would allow for the review of regulations
15 affecting religious freedom, Second Amendment rights, and other
16 constitutional provisions Americans hold dear; and

17 Whereas, The RFA has been endorsed by states across the
18 country. Twenty-eight legislative chambers, spanning 18 states,
19 have passed resolutions in support of adding the RFA to the U.S.
20 Constitution; now, therefore, be it

21 Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate
22 concurring), That we urge the Congress of the United States to
23 submit the following constitutional amendment, known as the
24 Regulation Freedom Amendment, to the states for ratification:

25 Whenever one-quarter of the Members of the U.S. House or
26 the U.S. Senate transmit to the President their written
27 declaration of opposition to a proposed federal regulation,
28 it shall require a majority vote of the House and Senate
29 to adopt that regulation.



1 ; and be it further

2 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the
3 President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United
4 States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan
5 congressional delegation.

