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7 **SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

8 URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO PROPOSE THE  
9 REGULATION FREEDOM AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES  
10 CONSTITUTION.

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13 **Subtitle**

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16 TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION.

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19 WHEREAS, the expansion and abuse of federal regulatory authority  
20 threaten the constitutional liberties of the citizens of the United States,  
21 including those guaranteed by the Bill of Rights in the First, Second,  
22 Fourth, and Fifth Amendments of the United States Constitution; and

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24 WHEREAS, federal regulators must be more accountable to elected  
25 representatives of the people and not immune from such accountability; and

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27 WHEREAS, the United States House of Representatives has passed with  
28 bipartisan support the Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny Act  
29 of 2017, also referred to as the "REINS Act", to require that the United  
30 States Congress approve major new federal regulations before they can take  
31 effect; and

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33 WHEREAS, even if enacted, a law may be repealed or waived by a future  
34 United States Congress and President of the United States; and

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36 WHEREAS, an amendment to the United States Constitution does not



1 require the approval of the President of the United States and cannot be  
2 waived by a future United States Congress and or a future President of the  
3 United States,

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5 NOW THEREFORE,

6 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
7 STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

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9 THAT the General Assembly urges the United States Congress to vote to  
10 propose the following amendment, to be known as the "Regulation Freedom  
11 Amendment", to the United States Constitution to read as follows:  
12 "Whenever one quarter of the members of the United States House of  
13 Representatives or the United States Senate transmits to the President their  
14 written declaration of opposition to a proposed federal regulation, it shall  
15 require a majority vote of the House of Representatives and the Senate to  
16 adopt that regulation."

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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted by  
19 the Secretary of the Senate to each member of the United States Congress and  
20 the Speaker of the House of Representatives and President of the Senate of  
21 each state legislature in the United States.