

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 8

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A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO PROPOSE THE REGULATION FREEDOM AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION.

WHEREAS, the growth and abuse of federal regulatory authority threaten our Constitutional liberties, including those guaranteed by the Bill of Rights in the First, Second, Fourth, and Fifth Amendments to the United States Constitution; and

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

WHEREAS, the Declaration of Independence decried the imposition by the central government of "an absolute tyranny over these states" and a central government that "erected a multitude of new offices, and sent hither swarms of officers to harass our people and eat out their substance"; and

WHEREAS, states too often find themselves in a similar position today; and

WHEREAS, the United States House of Representatives has passed with bipartisan support the Regulations From the Executive in Need of Scrutiny Act of 2013, or the REINS Act, to require that the United States Congress approve major new federal regulations before they can take effect; and

WHEREAS, even if enacted, a law may be repealed or waived by a future United States Congress and President; and

WHEREAS, an amendment to the United States Constitution does not require the approval of the President of the United States and cannot be waived by a future United States Congress and President.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

That the Montana Legislature urges the United States Congress to vote to propose the Regulation Freedom amendment to the United States Constitution as follows: "Whenever one-quarter of the members of the United States House of Representatives or the United States Senate transmits to the President their written declaration of opposition to a proposed federal regulation, it shall require a majority vote of the House of



1 Representatives and the Senate to adopt that regulation."

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State send a copy of this resolution to each member  
3 of the United States Congress and to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the  
4 Senate of every state legislature in the United States.

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