

1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 6

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

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15 WHEREAS, the growth and abuse of federal regulatory authority threaten our constitutional liberties,
16 including those guaranteed by the Bill of Rights in the First, Second, Fourth, and Fifth Amendments of our
17 Constitution; and

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

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

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

24 WHEREAS, the United States House of Representatives has passed with bipartisan support the REINS
25 Act to require that Congress approve major new federal regulations before they can take effect; and

26 WHEREAS, even if enacted, a law may be repealed or waived by a future Congress and President; and

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

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30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE

1 STATE OF MONTANA:

2 That the Sixty-fifth Legislature urges Congress to propose the Regulation Freedom amendment to the
3 United States Constitution as follows: "Whenever one quarter of the members of the United States House of
4 Representatives or the United States Senate transmits to the President their written declaration of opposition to
5 a proposed federal regulation, it shall require a majority vote of the House of Representatives and the Senate to
6 adopt that regulation."

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to THE
8 PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, TO each member of Congress, and to the principal leaders in all state
9 legislative chambers.

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