

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 1

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A JOINT MEMORIAL

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2 TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES IN CONGRESS  
3 ASSEMBLED, AND TO THE CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION REPRESENTING THE STATE  
4 OF IDAHO IN THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES.

5 We, your Memorialists, the House of Representatives and the Senate of  
6 the State of Idaho assembled in the First Regular Session of the Sixty-third  
7 Idaho Legislature, do hereby respectfully represent that:

8 WHEREAS, the growth and abuse of federal regulatory authority threat-  
9 ens our constitutional liberties, including those guaranteed by the Bill of  
10 Rights in the First, Second, Fourth and Fifth Amendments of our Constitu-  
11 tion; and

12 WHEREAS, federal regulators must be more accountable to elected repre-  
13 sentatives of the people and not immune from such accountability; and

14 WHEREAS, the United States House of Representatives has passed the Reg-  
15 ulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny (REINS) Act to require that  
16 Congress approve major new federal regulations before they can take effect;  
17 and

18 WHEREAS, even if enacted, a law may be repealed or waived by a future  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

20 WHEREAS, an amendment to the United States Constitution does not re-  
21 quire the President's approval and cannot be waived by a future Congress and  
22 President.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the First Regular Ses-  
24 sion of the Sixty-third Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives and  
25 the Senate concurring therein, that we hereby urge that the United States  
26 Congress vote to propose the Regulation Freedom Amendment to the United  
27 States Constitution as follows:

28 Whenever one quarter of the members of the United States House of  
29 Representatives or the United States Senate transmits to the Presi-  
30 dent their written declaration of opposition to a proposed federal  
31 regulation, it shall require a majority vote of the House of Repre-  
32 sentatives and the Senate to adopt that regulation.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Clerk of the House of Representa-  
34 tives be, and she is hereby authorized and directed to forward a copy of this  
35 Memorial to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Rep-  
36 resentatives of Congress, and the congressional delegation representing the  
37 State of Idaho in the Congress of the United States.