

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. HJ0001

Regulation freedom.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Winters and Senator(s)
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A Bill

for

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION requesting Congress to amend the United
2 States Constitution to authorize congressional votes to
3 approve or disapprove proposed federal regulations.

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5 WHEREAS, the growth and abuse of federal regulatory
6 authority threaten our Constitutional liberties, including
7 those guaranteed by the bill of rights, particularly the
8 tenth amendment of the United States Constitution; and

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

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14 WHEREAS, agency regulations often go beyond the intended
15 authority granted by Congress; and

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1 WHEREAS, the United States House of Representatives has
2 passed with bipartisan support the Regulations from the
3 Executive in Need of Scrutiny Act to require that Congress
4 approve major new federal regulations before they can take
5 effect; and

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7 WHEREAS, even if enacted, a law may be repealed or waived
8 by a future Congress and president; and

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10 WHEREAS, an amendment to the United States Constitution
11 does not require the president's approval and cannot be
12 waived by a future Congress and president.

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14 *NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE*
15 *LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING:*

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17 **Section 1.** That Congress is urged to initiate the
18 amendment process provided by article 5 of the Constitution
19 of the United States to adopt the regulation freedom
20 amendment as follows:

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22 "Whenever one quarter of the members of the United
23 States House of Representatives or the United States Senate

1 transmits to the president their written declaration of
2 opposition to a proposed federal regulation, it shall
3 require a majority vote of the House of Representatives and
4 the Senate to adopt that regulation."

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6 **Section 2.** That Congress shall specify that the
7 amendment as provided in this resolution shall be operative
8 upon ratification by the legislatures of three-fourths of
9 the several states, provided that the ratification shall
10 occur within seven (7) years from the date of the
11 submission of the amendments to the states by Congress.

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13 **Section 3.** That the Secretary of State of Wyoming
14 transmit copies of this resolution to the President of the
15 United States, to the President of the Senate and the
16 Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United
17 States Congress and to the Wyoming Congressional
18 Delegation.

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