

ORIGINAL HOUSE
JOINT RESOLUTION NO. HJ0001

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SIXTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING
2015 GENERAL SESSION

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

WHEREAS, the growth and abuse of federal regulatory authority threaten our Constitutional liberties, including those guaranteed by the bill of rights, particularly the tenth amendment of 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, agency regulations often go beyond the intended authority granted by Congress; and

WHEREAS, the United States House of Representatives has passed with bipartisan support the Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny Act to require that 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WHEREAS, even if enacted, a law may be repealed or waived by a future Congress and president; and

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

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

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

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"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 Representatives and the Senate to adopt that regulation."

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

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Section 3. That the Secretary of State of Wyoming transmit copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States Congress and to the Wyoming Congressional Delegation.

(END)

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____

I hereby certify that this act originated in the House.

Chief Clerk