

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 59

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 our Constitution; and

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

Whereas, the United States House of Representatives has passed with bipartisan support the Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny (REINS) 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Whereas, even if enacted, a law may be repealed or waived by a future Congress and President:

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the members of the Missouri Senate, Ninety-eighth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the House of Representatives concurring therein, hereby urge that the United States Congress 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 Representatives and the Senate to adopt that regulation."; and

Be It Further Resolved that the Secretary of the Missouri Senate be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for the President and Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, and each member of the Missouri Congressional delegation.