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# H. J. RES. 27

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States prohibiting the Federal Government from using the power of taxation to compel someone to engage in commercial activity.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 13, 2013

Mr. BENTIVOLIO introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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# JOINT RESOLUTION

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1       *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*  
2       *of the United States of America in Congress assembled*  
3       *(two-thirds of each House concurring therein),* That the fol-  
4       lowing article is proposed as an amendment to the Con-  
5       stitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all  
6       intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when  
7       ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several

1 States within seven years after the date of its submission  
2 for ratification:

3 “ARTICLE —

4 “The Congress shall not have the power to lay and  
5 collect taxes in order to compel any person or persons to  
6 engage in commercial activity, nor shall Congress have the  
7 power to lay and collect taxes from any person or persons  
8 for a failure to engage in any form of commercial activ-  
9 ity.”.

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