

1                   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2                                   STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3                                   2nd Session of the 54th Legislature (2014)

4   HOUSE CONCURRENT  
5   RESOLUTION 1024

                                  By: Moore

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8                                   AS INTRODUCED

9                   A Concurrent Resolution memorializing the Congress of  
10                   the United States to propose a regulation freedom  
11                   amendment to the Constitution of the United States;  
12                   specifying content; and directing distribution.

13                   WHEREAS, the growth and abuse of federal regulatory authority  
14                   threatens our Constitutional liberties, including those guaranteed  
15                   by the Bill of Rights in the First, Second, Fourth and Fifth  
16                   Amendments to the United States Constitution; and

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

20                   WHEREAS, the Declaration of Independence decried the imposition  
21                   by the central government of "an absolute Tyranny over these States"  
22                   and a central government that "erected a multitude of New Offices  
23                   and sent hither swarms of Officers to harrass our People, and eat  
24                   out their substance."; and

1       WHEREAS, states too often find themselves in a similar position  
2 today; and

3       WHEREAS, the United States House of Representatives has passed  
4 with bipartisan support the "REINS" Act to require that Congress  
5 approve major new federal regulations before the regulations can  
6 take effect; and

7       WHEREAS, the President of the United States has unfortunately  
8 shown no inclination to sign the REINS Act if it were passed by both  
9 Houses of Congress; and

10       WHEREAS, even if enacted, a law may be repealed or waived by a  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

12       WHEREAS, an amendment to the United States Constitution does not  
13 require the President's approval and cannot be repealed or waived by  
14 a future Congress and President.

15       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
16 OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 54TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE  
17 CONCURRING THEREIN:

18       THAT the United States Senate and the United States House of  
19 Representatives are hereby urged to propose the following Regulation  
20 of Freedom Amendment to the several states as an amendment to the  
21 United States Constitution:

22       "Whenever one-fourth of the members of the United States House  
23 of Representatives or the United States Senate transmit to the  
24 President of the United States their written declaration of

1 opposition to a proposed federal regulation, it shall require a  
2 majority vote of the United States House of Representatives and the  
3 United States Senate to adopt that regulation."

4 THAT copies of this resolution be dispatched to the Clerk of the  
5 United States House of Representatives, the Secretary of the United  
6 States Senate, and the Oklahoma Congressional Delegation.

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8 DIRECT TO CALENDAR.

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