

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 HOUSE CONCURRENT
4 RESOLUTION 1024

By: Moore

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7 AS INTRODUCED

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

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

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

19 WHEREAS, the Declaration of Independence decried the imposition
20 by the central government of "an absolute Tyranny over these States"
21 and a central government that "erected a multitude of New Offices
22 and sent hither swarms of Officers to harrass our People, and eat
23 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10 WHEREAS, even if enacted, a law may be repealed or waived by a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13 require the President's approval and cannot be repealed or waived by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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