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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, the expansion and abuse of federal regulatory authority threaten the constitutional liberties of the citizens of the United States, including those guaranteed by the Bill of Rights in the First, Second, Fourth, and Fifth Amendments 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, the United States House of Representatives has passed with bipartisan support the Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny Act of 2017, also referred to as the "REINS Act", to require that the United States 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WHEREAS, even if enacted, a law may be repealed or waived by a future United States Congress and President of the United States; and

WHEREAS, an amendment to the United States Constitution does not



require the approval of the President of the United States and cannot be waived by a future United States Congress and or a future President of the United States,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the General Assembly urges the United States Congress to vote to propose the following amendment, to be known as the "Regulation Freedom Amendment", to the United States Constitution to read 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."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to each member of the United States Congress and the Speaker of the House of Representatives and President of the Senate of each state legislature in the United States.