



The REINS Act

Friend,

America is ready for a comeback. As we turn the corner on the pandemic, our economy is primed for record growth. The last thing we want is big government blocking that growth and the jobs that come with it.

In order to clear the way for our economic comeback --and to promote the economic freedom every American should expect-- I signed on to the Regulations In Need of Executive Scrutiny (REINS) Act as an original cosponsor. This critical, yet common-sense bill restores Congressional oversight of regulations created by federal agencies.

The REINS Act would require every new “major rule” proposed by federal agencies to be approved by Congress before going into effect. More specifically, the House and Senate would be required to pass a Joint Resolution in order for a major rule to be approved by Congress. The bill defines a “major rule” as any federal rule or regulation that may result in:

1. An annual effect on the economy of \$100 million or more;
2. A major increase in costs or prices for consumers, individual industries, government agencies, or geographic regions; or
3. Significant adverse effects on competition, employment, investment, productivity, innovation, or the ability of U.S.-based enterprises to compete with foreign-based enterprises.

The bill also preserves the ability for Congress to disapprove of “nonmajor rule”, specifically those that do not qualify as a major rule, through a joint resolution of disapproval.

All too often, big government regulations prove costly, burdensome, and unnecessary to business. Regardless of which party is in power, regulations that would eliminate jobs or harm economic freedom deserve Congressional scrutiny. As your representatives, providing that oversight on behalf of the public is one of our most important jobs. This bill is an important step towards making the federal government more transparent and accountable. Both of these qualities have always been priorities of mine, and I sincerely hope to see this bill become law.

Sincerely,

Rob



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