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Chairman Maag, Vice-Chair Hambley, Ranking Member Bocchieri, and members of the House State Government Committee: thank you for the opportunity to present sponsor testimony for House Concurrent Resolution 37.

HCR 37 is a *non-binding* resolution that will urge the United States Congress to adopt the Regulation Freedom Amendment. By urging Congress to adopt this measure, we are asking them to rein in federal overregulation.

Currently, any new federal regulation proposed by the administration does not require the approval of Congress. Today's Federal regulators have the ability to write regulations to interpret laws that were never approved by Congress. It also has the ability to tax and spend without the consent of Congress.

The Regulation Freedom Amendment would require that a majority vote from Congress be necessary for the adoption of a new federal regulation *if* one quarter of the members of either body formally oppose the new regulation. That would be 109 US Representatives or 25 US Senators.

Just as the states implored Congress to propose the Bill of Rights, pressure from the states and others can persuade Congress to permanently curb the authority of federal regulators.

I ask that you join me in urging Congress to take back their constitutional authority over federal regulations.

Once again, Chairman Maag, Vice-Chair Hambley, Ranking Member Bocchieri, and members of the House State Government Committee, thank you for the opportunity to offer sponsor testimony on behalf of HCR 37. I would be happy to answer any questions.