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**State Representative Craig S. Riedel
Ohio House of Representatives**

Chairman Young, Ranking Member Lepore Hagan, and Members of the House Economic Development, Commerce and Labor Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify on HCR 24 today.

The purpose of this concurrent resolution is to urge Congress to propose the Regulation Freedom Amendment to the Constitution of the United States. Currently, the growth and abuse of federal regulatory authority threatens our constitutional liberties, including those guaranteed by the Bill of Rights in the First, Second, Fourth and Fifth Amendments to the Constitution of the United States. This resolution pushes Congress to curb the authority of federal regulators by proposing the Regulation Freedom Amendment, which would require that Congress approve major new federal regulations.

HCR 24 enhances the Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny (REINS Act) to require that Congress approve major new federal regulations before they may take effect. Recently, the REINS Act passed out of the U.S House of Representatives with bipartisan support. This is significant timing to put forth a resolution while the Reins Act is awaiting approval from the U.S Senate because it will allow Congress to hold the federal regulators more accountable to the elected representatives of the people.

The REINS Act amends the 1996 Congressional Review Act (CRA), which allows Congress the option to repeal a rule that has been issued by a federal agency. The REINS Act aims to increase the efficiency of the CRA so that Congress can prevent a rule initially before implementation. The REINS Act is proactive in seeking to stop a federal agency's rule, but we cannot wait while it is sitting in the U.S Senate. The 132nd General Assembly of Ohio must do something now to show our support of this important issue.

Thank you for letting me address you today with my support for HCR 24. I would be happy to answer any questions at this time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "C S. Riedel".

Craig S. Riedel
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