
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY EICHELBERGER, MARTIN, RAFFERTY AND WAGNER,
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REFERRED TO STATE GOVERNMENT, JUNE 4, 2017

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 Petitioning the Congress of the United States to call a
2 convention of states limited to proposing a regulation
3 freedom amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

4 WHEREAS, The Founding Fathers, in drafting the Constitution
5 of the United States, empowered state legislators to be
6 guardians of liberty against future abuses of power by the
7 Federal Government; and

8 WHEREAS, The growth and abuse of Federal regulatory authority
9 threatens our constitutional liberties, including those
10 guaranteed by the Bill of Rights in the First, Second, Fourth,
11 Fifth and Tenth Amendments to the Constitution of the United
12 States; and

13 WHEREAS, Federal regulators must be more accountable to the
14 citizens of the United States and their elected representatives;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, The United States House of Representatives has
17 already passed, with bipartisan support, legislation to require
18 that the Congress of the United States approve major new Federal

1 regulations before they take effect; and

2 WHEREAS, Even if enacted, a law may be repealed or waived by
3 a future Congress and President of the United States; and

4 WHEREAS, An amendment to the Constitution of the United
5 States does not require the approval of the President of the
6 United States and cannot be repealed or waived by a future
7 Congress and President of the United States; therefore be it

8 RESOLVED (the House of Representatives concurring), That the
9 General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania petition,
10 under the provisions of Article V of the Constitution of the
11 United States, the Congress of the United States to call a
12 convention of states limited to proposing an amendment to the
13 Constitution of the United States to limit Federal regulatory
14 authority as follows:

15 "Whenever one quarter of the members of the United States
16 Senate or the United States House of Representatives or
17 the United States Senate transmits to the President of
18 the United States their written declaration of opposition
19 to a proposed Federal regulation, a majority vote of the
20 Senate and the House of Representatives shall be required
21 to adopt that regulation.";

22 and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That this resolution shall constitute a continuing
24 application in accordance with Article V of the Constitution of
25 the United States until at least two-thirds of the legislatures
26 of the several states have made application for a convention on
27 the same subject; and be it further

28 RESOLVED, That this application be adopted with the
29 understanding that the General Assembly will, by law or rule,
30 create rules for the appointment of commissioners to a

1 convention of states, including rules that govern the duties of
2 those commissioners, and require the commissioners to strictly
3 adhere to the limited subject matter of the convention contained
4 in this application; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That a certified copy of this resolution be
6 transmitted by the Secretary of the Commonwealth to the
7 President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United
8 States House of Representatives, each member of the Pennsylvania
9 delegation to Congress and to the presiding officers of each
10 house of the state legislatures requesting their cooperation in
11 applying for an amendments convention limited to the subject
12 matter contemplated by this application.