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3 By Senator Ward
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8 URGING CONGRESS TO PROPOSE THE REGULATION FREEDOM
9 AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION.

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11 WHEREAS, the growth and abuse of federal regulatory
12 authority threaten our Constitutional liberties, including
13 those guaranteed by the Bill of Rights in the First, Second,
14 Fourth, and Fifth Amendments to our Constitution; and

15 WHEREAS, federal regulators must be more accountable
16 to elected representatives of the people, and not immune from
17 such accountability; and

18 WHEREAS, the United States House of Representatives
19 has passed with bipartisan support the REINS Act to require
20 that Congress approve major proposed new federal regulations
21 before the regulations can take effect; and

22 WHEREAS, even if enacted, a law such as REINS may be
23 repealed or waived by a future Congress and President; and

24 WHEREAS, a proposed amendment to the United States
25 Constitution does not require the President's approval and
26 cannot be waived by a future Congress and President; now
27 therefore,

1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
2 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby urge the United
3 States Congress to vote to propose the Regulation Freedom
4 amendment to the United States Constitution as follows:

5 "Whenever one quarter of the members of the United
6 States House of Representatives or the United States Senate
7 transmits to the President their written declaration of
8 opposition to a proposed federal regulation, a majority vote
9 of both the House of Representatives and the Senate shall be
10 required to adopt that regulation."

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this
12 resolution shall be provided to each member of Congress and to
13 the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President
14 of the Senate of each state legislature in the United States.