
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY EICHELBERGER, WARD AND WAGNER, FEBRUARY 8, 2016

REFERRED TO STATE GOVERNMENT, FEBRUARY 8, 2016

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 our Constitution; and

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

15 WHEREAS, The United States House of Representatives has
16 already passed, with bipartisan support, legislation to require
17 that Congress approve major new Federal regulations before they
18 take effect; and

19 WHEREAS, Even if enacted, a law may be repealed or waived by

1 a future Congress and President; and

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4 repealed or waived by a future Congress and President; therefore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

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

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

19 and be it further

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

25 RESOLVED, That this application be adopted with the
26 understanding that the General Assembly will, by law or rule,
27 create rules for its appointment of commissioners to any
28 Convention of States, including rules that govern the duties of
29 those commissioners, and require them to strictly adhere to the
30 limited subject matter of the convention contained in this

1 application; and be it further

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