March 2, 2016 – Introduced by Representatives JACQUE, THIESFELDT and KREMER. Referred to Committee on Rules.

Relating to: a statement of support for Congress proposing the Regulation Freedom amendment to the United States Constitution.

Whereas, the growth and abuse of federal regulatory authority threaten our constitutional liberties, including those guaranteed by the Bill of Rights in the First, Second, Fourth, and Fifth Amendments of our Constitution; and

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

Whereas, the United States House of Representatives has passed with bipartisan support the Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny (REINS) Act to require that Congress approve major new federal regulations before they can take effect; and

Whereas, even if enacted, a law may be repealed or waived by a future Congress and President; and
Whereas, an amendment to the United States Constitution does not require the President’s approval and cannot be waived by a future Congress and President; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the Wisconsin state legislature does hereby support that the United States Congress vote to propose the Regulation Freedom amendment to the United States Constitution as follows:

“Whenever one-quarter of the members of the United States House of Representatives or the United States Senate transmits to the President their written declaration of opposition to a proposed federal regulation, it shall require a majority vote of the House of Representatives and the Senate to adopt that regulation.”

(END)