Washington, D.C. -- Congressman Jeff Fortenberry, a cosponsor of the Regulations In Need of Scrutiny (REINS) Act, voted for the legislation this afternoon in the U.S. House of Representatives. The bill passed the House with a vote of 241-184.

"While ordinary regulation is an important extension of law for a well functioning society, excessive regulation drives up costs, hurts small businesses disproportionately, and oppresses entrepreneurial growth," Fortenberry said. "This measure rightly requires the people's elected representatives to determine the merit of regulations proposed by the President that would have a significant economic impact."

Under the REINS Act, regulations that would require congressional approval to be implemented would be those having an annual economic impact greater than $100 million.

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