

I voted Yes on H.R. 10, the Regulations From the Executive in Need of Scrutiny (REINS) Act.

The REINS Act, of which I am a cosponsor, would reform a regulatory structure that has resulted in an unprecedented number of burdensome and costly regulations in recent years by the federal government. It would provide Congressional oversight for any regulation that would cost the U.S. economy more than \$100 million.

Specifically, the bill would require federal agencies to submit all major regulations to Congress for approval before it could be enacted. This would give elected representatives in Congress much-needed oversight authority to ensure regulators comply with Congressional intent when making rules. Importantly, however, a major rule could take effect for 90 days without approval from Congress if the President makes a determination that the rule is necessary because of an imminent threat to health, safety or other emergency, including national security.

Some regulations are absolutely necessary to protect the public good, however, overregulation is a major barrier hiring for many Upstate small businesses. This legislation would simply add more checks and balances to the regulatory process for rules that have a major economic cost.

The bill was approved by a bipartisan vote of 241 – 184.