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Thank you Chairman Barker and members of the committee.

Regulation can be necessary. However, can you think of a regulation for which you questioned the value? In my financial services career, I saw regulations which were said to affect Wall Street reform. However, by my observation they only created another level of compliance at the retail level. I saw more people and paperwork to achieve the same results. In the long run, I believe this cost consumers more (as that is where the costs are borne) without providing a benefit. But the issues are much broader than any one example.

At a recent Council of State Governments meeting, I learned what other states are doing in response to increasing issues with federal regulation. Several have passed or are considering the regulation freedom amendment. Last year, we passed this measure (as HCR 5022) on March 22, 2016 in the House with a vote of 114 yea to 10 nay. It was unfortunately late enough that it did not get attention for a committee hearing in the Senate.

In short, the resolution would be our statement of support for a measure that would require a regulation to be subject to congressional approval if more than $\frac{1}{4}$ of the U.S. House or Senate would object to that regulation. It would provide the opportunity for oversight or representation in matters of regulation. This brought to mind regulations I had either faced or discussed not only in financial services, insurance and banking, but in manufacturing, agriculture, energy, local government and other sectors that resulted in greater cost than benefit to the consumers. Issues such as Waters of The United States might be one to trigger such oversight before its direct implementation by federal agencies.

While I mention specific areas of regulation that are of concern to me, I would be clear that this is not an issue of which party controls the administration behind any particular regulation. It is about how we would want to oversee our agencies going forward.

The fix does call for a constitutional amendment. There are several avenues we might follow to achieve this, and my suggestion is that we consider multiple options if we are serious about reform. I am less concerned about which process works than achieving policy that is good for our country.

I will leave the details of how this works to an upcoming expert on the topic. Further, while I could rail on about the issues of regulation, I am sure you are already aware of these issues and would direct you to other conferees who may provide specific examples of how their industry and customers have been harmed by regulation. I am pleased to appear as a proponent and I look forward to your consideration and debate of this issue.

Thank you Chairman Barker, and I will be happy to stand for questions at the appropriate time.