



The One Thing:

The REINS Act would be the most transformative policy change for taxpayers and job creators

The Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny Act, also known as **the REINS Act**, is a legislative proposal designed to restrain the administrative state by amending the Congressional Review Act (CRA) of 1996.

What does the REINS Act do?

The REINS Act would broaden the CRA to **require congressional approval of major rules, guidance, and other executive actions—those with an annual price tag of \$100 million or more—before** federal agencies could implement them.



Congress is not only permitted—but also constitutionally required—to decide major questions of nationwide policy. The REINS Act would bolster that mandate by **approving costly executive actions before they go into effect.**

Voters want it!

Voters overwhelmingly support requiring bureaucratic agencies to gain congressional approval for new rules that will cost \$100 million or more.



Congress Can Learn From States' Regulatory Reforms

Florida, West Virginia, and Wisconsin all require legislative approval for major regulatory actions.



Florida requires legislative approval of rules that adversely affect the economy or increase regulatory costs by at least \$1 million over five years.



In **Wisconsin**, rules with \$10 million in compliance costs over the course of two years can only take effect if lawmakers pass new legislation authorizing those regulations. The legislature's Joint Committee for Review of Administrative Rules may also indefinitely object to a proposed regulation, blocking the rule until lawmakers pass new legislation authorizing it.

In **West Virginia**, any agency is "deemed to be applying to the Legislature for permission" when proposing a rule. In effect, this means all rules must be approved by the legislature before going into effect.



REINS would make it more difficult to create new costly rules, but easy to eliminate them.

President Biden is on an **out-of-control regulatory spending spree** while Americans are struggling to keep up with soaring inflation.



With REINS, federal lawmakers can

- ✓ **Prevent** agencies from using guidance to circumvent the congressional review process
- ✓ **Protect** taxpayers

- ✓ **Tame** inflation
- ✓ **Increase** transparency
- ✓ **REIN** in the executive branch

BOTTOM LINE

Congress can fundamentally protect taxpayers and job creators by restoring a constitutional balance of power and REINing in the federal bureaucracy for good.