



## Republican National Committee

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### RESOLUTION CALLING ATTENTION TO COMING FLOOD OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS

WHEREAS, Since becoming law in 1946 the Administrative Procedure Act (APA) has given birth to 435 federal agencies, not considering any of the numerous sub-agencies;

WHEREAS, The Obama administration has used this de facto fourth branch of government since 2009 to impose 229 major regulations that have cost the US economy \$108 billion annually in implementation cost, a number derived by using the regulatory agencies' own projections;

WHEREAS, When combined with the cost related to the still active myriad of rules and regulations passed since 1946, and the 3,410 new minor rules passed in 2015, the compliance cost will exceed the \$1.89 trillion the IRS is expected to collect from both individual and corporate income taxes;

WHEREAS, This number is further increased by federal regulatory fees charged directly to the business sector or individual being regulated, as demonstrated by fees charged by the Federal Communications Commission to all who are licensed by that agency;

WHEREAS, The level of federal regulatory activity in 2016 is expected to greatly increase as the Obama administration rushes to melt the U.S. economy further into its progressive mold before leaving office in January 2017, a practice commonly referred to as "Midnight Regulations";

WHEREAS, The Obama administration has already cautioned regulatory agencies to prioritize the 2016 regulations he considers paramount to his legacy, and to file them quickly or run the risk of any major regulation being labeled a Midnight Regulation and overturned if an adversarial president takes office;

WHEREAS, Even after considering the "cautions" mentioned above, the advantage to the Obama administration pushing through lower priority or highly controversial Midnight Regulations is the extremely short period of time to which blatantly partisan progressive philosophical topics are subject to public comment and congressional review;

WHEREAS, The Congressional Review Act (CRA), severely crippled by the Supreme Court in 1983, allows Congress to only delay Midnight Regulations whose adoption process is completed before November because President Obama has the right to veto any legislative decision; therefore, be it

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*RESOLVED*, The Republican National Committee (RNC) urges all House and Senate members to work with the GOP Presidential nominee to obtain extra-large margins of victory for the Presidency, the Senate and the House so that all regulations passed after November can be cancelled by Congress using the CRA without fear of a presidential veto;

*RESOLVED*, The RNC urges the new GOP president to sign an Executive Order immediately after taking the oath of office that places a freeze on the Federal Register thereby halting the flow of any and all regulations filed by the Obama administration after November; and, be it finally

*RESOLVED*, The new 2017 GOP Congress and GOP president work harmoniously to pass the Regulation Freedom Act and other measures to curtail and roll back the damage caused by years of excessive bureaucratic control of the economy that wounds and sometimes fatally kills the American entrepreneurial spirit.