



March 17, 2023

Dear Senator/Representative:

The following undersigned organizations representing the public health, medical and patient advocacy communities, write to you to state our strong opposition to **S.184 and H.R. 277 - the Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny Act of 2023 (REINS Act)**, and we ask you to oppose this harmful legislation.

The REINS Act is a threat to public health. It would add major roadblocks to health-protective regulations by requiring Congress to approve all “major” rules issued by federal agencies within a 70-day window. This includes public health rules from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, the Environmental Protection Agency and the Food and Drug Administration, among other federal agencies that protect the health and safety of American citizens. Under the REINS Act, the default would be

Congress blocking important and critical protections including clean air, public health, safety and healthcare measures that have already been authorized by current law.

The REINS act would unilaterally weaken the implementation of public health and safety safeguards that require the promulgation of significant rules that benefit millions of Americans. These include rules that are statutorily required to prevent deaths, illness and injury and to protect the public health. Additionally, the REINS Act would give Congress the power to prevent a “major” rule from being effectively implemented simply by taking no action. This step delays safeguards and means that agencies would not only have to reckon with a significantly longer time frame to pass any meaningful rules, but also that the health and safety of the public would remain in limbo and under threat. As we’ve tragically witnessed in East Palestine, Ohio, federal rules are imperative to ensuring the health and safety of the public.

The REINS Act would also hinder the ability of federal agencies to act and respond to threats swiftly and effectively. While there are some exceptions that allow a rule to be implemented for one 90-day period without Congressional approval – it is not enough.

The REINS Act is a threat to our nation’s health. We urge you to oppose the REINS Act and other similar legislation.

Sincerely,

Allergy & Asthma Network
Alliance for Nurses for Healthy Environments
Alpha-1 Foundation
ALS Association
American Heart Association
American Kidney Fund
American Lung Association
American Public Health Association
American Thoracic Society
Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America
Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids
CancerCare
Children’s Environmental Health Network
Climate for Health/ecoAmerica
Climate Psychiatry Alliance
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation
Epilepsy Foundation
Foundation for Sarcoidosis Research
GO2 for Lung Cancer
Health Care Without Harm
Hemophilia Federation of America
The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society
LUNgevity Foundation
The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson’s
Research
Muscular Dystrophy Association

National Alliance on Mental Illness
National Association of Pediatric Nurse
Practitioners
National Environmental Health Association
National Hemophilia Foundation
National Hispanic Medical Association
National Kidney Foundation
National Multiple Sclerosis Society
National Organization for Rare Disorders
National Patient Advocate Foundation
Physicians for Social Responsibility
Public Health Institute
Susan G. Komen
WomenHeart