

RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA REPUBLICAN PARTY IN SUPPORT OF H.3021: THE SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY FREEDOM ACT

WHEREAS, the South Carolina General Assembly has delegated broad rule-making authority to numerous state agencies, boards, and commissions, resulting in the creation of costly regulations that often carry the force of law without a direct vote of elected legislators; and

WHEREAS, these regulations can impose significant economic burdens on taxpayers, small businesses, and job creators across our state-often with little to no public accountability; and

WHEREAS, H.3021, known as the Small Business Regulatory Freedom Act, would restore proper checks and balances by requiring the General Assembly to affirmatively approve any new "major regulation" that has a significant economic impact before it can take effect; and

WHEREAS, the bill strengthens legislative oversight and transparency, ensuring that unelected bureaucrats cannot unilaterally implement sweeping policies without the consent of the people's elected representatives; and

WHEREAS, H.3021 also includes critical reforms to judicial deference, ending the practice of automatically favoring agency interpretations of law in court challenges. This restores a proper constitutional balance by ensuring that judges-not unelected regulators-decide what the law means; and

WHEREAS, the bill further enhances accountability through automatic sunset reviews, requiring that existing regulations periodically expire unless they are reauthorized, ensuring that outdated or unnecessary rules are removed from the books; and

WHEREAS, H.3021 introduces a "One-In, Two-Out" rule, meaning that for each new regulation adopted, two existing regulations must be repealed, helping to reduce red tape and make South Carolina's economy more competitive; and

WHEREAS, these reforms together will help ensure that South Carolina remains a state where entrepreneurs can thrive, families can prosper, and government remains limited, accountable, and responsive to the people; and

WHEREAS, the Republican Party has consistently stood for limited government, free enterprise, and individual liberty, principles advanced by H.3021's focus on transparency, balance of powers, and the protection of taxpayers;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the South Carolina Republican Party fully supports H.3021, the Small Business Regulatory Freedom Act, and urges the General Assembly to prioritize its passage in the upcoming legislative session; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the South Carolina Republican Party calls upon all Republican legislators to stand with the people of South Carolina by voting YES on H.3021 and restoring accountability, constitutional balance, and transparency to the regulatory process.