

REINS ACT:

This week, the House passed H.R. 10 – Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny (REINS) Act – legislation which I cosponsored and which puts a stop to out-of-control federal regulations by requiring congressional approval for any federal regulation with an economic impact of \$100 million or more before it can be imposed on the American people. Federal regulations cost our economy \$1.75 trillion per year, according to the Small Business Administration. I have made it a point to meet with businesses throughout the Second District, and time and time again they have told me these regulations are stifling job creation and creating a sense of uncertainty. It is time to lift the burden on small businesses and free them to invest in America and create more jobs. For too long, the Federal Government has been doing exactly the opposite and the REINS Act looks to rein in this costly overreach.

Letter to Secretary Vilsack:

I'm pleased to announce recently I authored and delivered a letter co-signed by 12 House colleagues to U.S. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack calling on the Interagency Working Group on Food Marketed to Children (IWG) to complete and submit the standards for food marketing to children and teens - as originally tasked by Congress. The 2009 Omnibus Appropriations Act demanded that the IWG develop recommendations for standards of food marketing to children and teens, and report their proposed guidelines to Congress. The IWG – comprised of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Federal Trade Commission, U.S. Food and Drug Administration, and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention –has not completed the study, but instead proposed wide-ranging industry nutrition principles and marketing guidelines. These proposed standards are not what Congress requested, and they clash with the USDA's recently-updated dietary guidelines.

I have called on the USDA to remove the proposed nutrition standards in the IWG's final report to Congress, expected next week. Childhood obesity is a challenge deserving the attention of all Americans. However, this issue can't be solved by another overreach of government. We do not want our country to become a nanny state – especially when these poorly-considered guidelines infringe on free speech, and will do little to nothing to empower Americans to make healthy decisions.