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**Statement of Support from Pacific Legal Foundation for House Bill 7307—
Small Business Regulatory Freedom Act**

Chair Shanley, Vice Chair Messier and Members of the House Committee on State Government and Elections:

My name is Jaimie Cavanaugh, and I am Senior State Policy Counsel at Pacific Legal Foundation (PLF). PLF is a nonprofit public interest law firm dedicated to defending Americans' liberties when threatened by government overreach and abuse. Since its founding more than 50 years ago, PLF has been helping Americans protect their constitutional rights in courthouses and state houses across the country. PLF has 18 victories at the United States Supreme Court and has worked to enact more than 60 laws nationwide.

Regulations from the Executive In Need of Scrutiny (REINS)

As part of our work, PLF has been supporting bills like House Bill 7307 (REINS) in other states.¹ REINS stands for Regulations from the Executive In Need of Scrutiny and has been introduced at the federal level during most sessions since 2009.

The idea behind REINS is simple. Agencies promulgate hundreds of regulations every year. These regulations have the force and effect of law but are promulgated by unelected government officials. This leaves voters with little to no recourse if they are unhappy with agency regulation.

But setting broad social and economic policies is the job of the legislature. So, it should reclaim its legislative authority and approve new regulations to ensure the regulations are aligned with the intent of the statutes that delegate authority to the agencies.

Separation of Powers

One of PLF's core missions is to protect the constitutional separation of powers. Writing law and setting broad social and economic policy is the duty of the legislature, not the executive branch. The legislature has the sole power to make laws.

State agencies are creatures of statute. They have no inherent authority—only those powers specifically granted to them by the legislature. Therefore, all agency

¹ States like Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Utah, and Wyoming have enacted REINS acts in the last couple years.

rulemaking authority comes from the legislature and thus can be limited by the legislature.

Because of this, PLF supports House Bill 7307 and urges this Committee to advance this bill. Thank you for considering this testimony. I am happy to answer any questions; my contact information is listed below.

Respectfully,



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