

Resolution No. 4

Date: 1/21/2016

City: Las Vegas, NV

NAHB Resolution

Title: Require Congressional Review for Rule Adoption
Sponsor: Louisiana HBA
Submitted by: David Koster

WHEREAS, members of the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) have been burdened by rules regulating their industry to the point that building affordable housing for first time buyers has become increasingly unattainable;

WHEREAS, members of NAHB have been burdened by rules regulating their industry to the point that small volume builders, including custom builders and trade contractors, cannot sustainably comply with the requirements of these regulatory burdens, regardless of the price of the home built and sold;

WHEREAS, members are hesitant to continue attempting to build any housing due to potential punishment by Federal Agencies for enforcement of rules by no discernable quantifiable compliance guidelines and compliance may be completely determinable by Federal employees at their discretion;

WHEREAS, Congress can only un-appropriate funds to force agencies to comply with its own enacted legislation or citizens can exercise lengthy and expensive court battles over onerous unclear rules and punishments;

WHEREAS, 41 state legislatures in America have some authority over rules by state agencies to assure compliance by state agencies to laws passed by them;

WHEREAS, Federal Agencies have enacted rules requiring members of NAHB to comply with lead test kits that don't exist, confined space requirements that are not statistically needed, paper work and suggested procedures for Clean Water compliance that do not protect waters from pollution, and more rules only enacted to further tighten the Federal Government's infringement on American citizen's freedom to own their own home;

WHEREAS, 2016 is an election year for President of the United States and candidates can declare their support or not of Congressional approval of rules thus informing members of their position to affect their support; and

WHEREAS, NAHB has policy on regulation and rule adoption but does not specifically have guidance to lobbying staff to support Congressional approval of rules such as the “Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny Act” (the REINS Act) or HR 427 which passed by 243 to 165 and has been introduced in the Senate SB 226,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the National Association of Home Builders support the “Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny Act” (REINS Act) and actively solicit Presidential Candidates’ public promise to sign it into law if passed by Congress.

Board of Directors Action:

Executive Board Action:

Resolutions Committee Action:

Federal Government Affairs Committee Action:

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