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Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States prohibiting the Federal Government from using the power of taxation to compel someone to engage in commercial activity.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 13, 2013

Mr. BENTIVOLIO introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States prohibiting the Federal Government from using the power of taxation to compel someone to engage in commercial activity.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled (two-thirds of each House concurring therein), That the following article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several

States within seven years after the date of its submission for ratification:

"ARTICLE—

"The Congress shall not have the power to lay and collect taxes in order to compel any person or persons to engage in commercial activity, nor shall Congress have the power to lay and collect taxes from any person or persons for a failure to engage in any form of commercial activity.".

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