House JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 18

INTRODUCED BY DeBruycker Moran

A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA URGING CONGRESS TO ENACT LEGISLATION TO REVISE THE PROCESS BY WHICH NEW DRUGS, BIOLOGICAL PRODUCTS, AND MEDICAL DEVICES ARE APPROVED BY THE UNITED STATES FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION.

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WHEREAS, current limitations on the dissemination of information about pharmaceutical products reduce the availability of information to physicians, other health care professionals, and patients and unfairly restrict the right of free speech guaranteed by the first amendment to the United States Constitution; and

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