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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 20, 2022

Mr. GOHMERT introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Sustaining Tenth
5 Amendment Truths for Every State Act of 2022” or as
6 the “STATES Act of 2022”.

1 **SEC. 2. STATE AGENCY PREFERENCE.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Within a State, an action of a
3 State agency taken pursuant to State law shall have effect
4 notwithstanding any Federal law to the contrary, if the
5 Federal law purports to apply under authority to create
6 such law that is not specifically, unequivocally, and explic-
7 itly delegated to the United States Government within the
8 stated words of the United States Constitution.

9 (b) STATE DEFINED.—In this Act, the term “State”
10 means each of the several States, the District of Columbia,
11 each commonwealth, territory or possession of the United
12 States, and each federally recognized Indian Tribe.

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