

December 5, 2016

The Honorable Paul Ryan
Speaker of the House
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Ryan:

The undersigned groups urge you to make consideration of the “Regulatory Accountability Act” an early priority for the 115th Congress. We believe that federal regulations should be narrowly tailored, supported by strong and credible data and evidence, and impose the least burden possible, while still implementing congressional intent. These are the very same principles embodied in your June 2016 report, *A Better Way: A Vision for A Confident America*.

When agencies produce regulations that diverge from these key principles, there must be a way of holding agencies accountable. Your report points to the Regulatory Accountability Act as an effective tool to achieve this goal. Specifically, the Act would make the regulatory process more accountable to Congress and the American public by:

- Increasing public participation in shaping the most costly regulations at an earlier point in the rulemaking process;
- Instructing agencies to choose the least costly option that achieves congressional intent unless they can show a costlier option is needed to protect health, safety, or welfare;
- Requiring on-the-record administrative hearings for the most costly regulations to insure that agency data is sound and that agencies are not relying on self-serving assumptions;
- Restricting agencies’ use of interim final regulations; and
- Providing for a more rigorous test in legal challenges for those regulations that would have the most impact.

The Regulatory Accountability Act builds on established principles of fair regulatory process and review that have been embodied in bipartisan executive orders dating to at least the Clinton administration. The Act would make the regulatory process more transparent, agencies more accountable for their decisions, and regulations better-tailored to achieve their purpose without unnecessary burdens on stakeholders.

The Regulatory Accountability Act would allow Congress and the public to reassert control over a federal regulatory bureaucracy that is opaque, unaccountable, and often unfair. Therefore, the undersigned groups strongly support the Act, and urge that this legislation be given high priority as the House begins the new legislative session. We look forward to working with you to enact this important legislation.

Sincerely,

60 Plus Association
ACCA- Air Conditioning Contractors of America

Aeronautical Repair Station Association
Aerospace Industries Association (AIA)
AGC Michigan
Agricultural Retailers Association
Alabama Forestry Association
Alabama Grocers Association
Alaska Chamber
Albany Area Chamber of Commerce (OR)
American Bakers Association
American Chemistry Council
American Coke and Coal Chemicals Institute
American Concrete Pipe Association
American Concrete Pressure Pipe Association
American Exploration & Mining Association
American Forest & Paper Association
American Foundry Society
American Fruit and Vegetable Processors and Growers Coalition
American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers
American Highway Users Alliance
American Home Furnishings Alliance
American Iron and Steel Institute
American Loggers Council
American Petroleum Institute
American Public Gas Association
American Road & Transportation Builders Association
American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association
American Subcontractors Association, Inc.
American Supply Association
American Trucking Associations
American Wood Council
Ames Chamber of Commerce
AMT-The Association For Manufacturing Technology
Anderson Area Chamber of Commerce
Arizona Chamber of Commerce & Industry
Arizona Chapter Associated General Contractors
Arizona Mining Association
Arkansas State Chamber of Commerce/ Associated Industries of AR
Arroyo Grande & Grover Beach Chamber of Commerce
Asphalt Pavement Association of Indiana, Inc.
Asphalt Roofing Manufacturers Association
Associated Builders & Contractors, Rhode Island Chapter
Associated Builders & Contractors, Rocky Mountain Chapter
Associated Builders and Contractors
Associated Builders and Contractors, West Virginia Chapter
Associated California Loggers
Associated Equipment Distributors
Associated General Contractors of Alaska

Associated General Contractors of America
Associated General Contractors of America - Nebraska Chapter
Associated General Contractors of Colorado
Associated General Contractors of New York State
Associated Industries of Missouri
Associated Logging Contractors of Idaho
Associated Oregon Loggers, Inc.
Associated Wire Rope Fabricators
Association of American Railroads
Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers
Association of Montana Aerial Applicators
Association of Washington Business
Auto Care Association
Automotive Recyclers Association
Baker County Chamber of Commerce and Visitor's Bureau
Baytown Chamber of Commerce
Black Hills Forest Resource Association
Boise Metro Chamber of Commerce
Brick Industry Association
Buckeye Valley Chamber of Commerce (AZ)
Buffalo Niagara Partnership
Business Council of Alabama
Cache Chamber of Commerce
Caldwell Chamber of Commerce
California Business Roundtable
California Hotel & Lodging Association
California Independent Oil Marketers Association
Camarillo Chamber of Commerce
Carroll County Chamber of Commerce, Georgia
Carson City Chamber of Commerce
Carson Valley Chamber of Commerce
Cary Chamber of Commerce
Cedar City Area Chamber of Commerce
Cedar Rapids Metro Economic Alliance
Cedar Valley Manufacturers Network, Waterloo IA
Central Delaware Chamber of Commerce
Cerritos Regional Chamber of Commerce
Chambers of Commerce Alliance of Ventura & Santa Barbara Counties
Chandler Chamber of Commerce, Arizona
Charleston Area Chamber of Commerce
Charlotte Chamber of Commerce
Chemical Industry Council of Illinois
Chester County Chamber of Business and Industry
Colorado Association of Commerce and Industry
Colorado Association of Mechanical and Plumbing Contractors
Colorado Competitive Council
Colorado Roofing Association

Colorado Springs Chamber and EDC
Colorado Timber Industry Association
Construction Industry Round Table (CIRT)
Construction Management Association of America
Consumer Energy Alliance
Convenience Distribution Association
Council of Industrial Boiler Owners
CTIA-The Wireless Association
Danville Pittsylvania County Chamber of Commerce
Darke County Chamber of Commerce
Davis Chamber of Commerce
Daytona Regional Chamber of Commerce
Delaware State Farm Bureau
Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce
Edmond Area Chamber of Commerce
Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chamber of Commerce
Energy Equipment and Infrastructure Alliance
Equipment Dealers Association
Far West Equipment Dealers Association
Florida Chamber of Commerce
Forging Industry Association
GASDA, Inc.
Gateway Chambers Alliance
Gilbert Chamber of Commerce
Global Cold Chain Alliance
GPA Midstream Association
Grain and Feed Association of Illinois
Grand Junction Area Chamber of Commerce
Great Lakes Timber Professionals Association
Greater Bakersfield Chamber of Commerce
Greater Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce
Greater Cedar Valley Alliance & Chamber, Waterloo IA
Greater Cheyenne Chamber of Commerce
Greater Coachella Valley Chamber of Commerce
Greater Conejo Valley Chamber of Commerce
Greater Flagstaff Chamber of Commerce
Greater Killeen Chamber of Commerce
Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce
Greater Lexington Chamber of Commerce, Lexington SC
Greater North Dakota Chamber
Greater Oak Brook Chamber of Commerce
Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce
Greater Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce
Greater Reading Chamber of Commerce & Industry
Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce
Greater Summerville/Dorchester County Chamber of Commerce
Greater Tennessee Chapter, Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc.

Greater Yakima Chamber of Commerce
Hanover Area Chamber of Commerce
Harrisburg Regional Chamber & CREDC
Hearth, Patio & Barbecue Association
Heating, Air-conditioning & Refrigeration Distributors International (HARDI)
Home Builders Association of Michigan
Home Furnishings Association
Houston Northwest Chamber of Commerce (TX)
Idaho Association of Commerce & Industry
Illinois Chamber of Commerce
Illinois Chapter, Inc. - American Concrete Pavement Association
INDA, Association of the Nonwoven Fabrics Industry
Independent Bakers Association
Independent Electrical Contractors
Independent Oil & Gas Association of New York (IOGANY)
Independent Petroleum Association of America
Indiana Cast Metals Association (INCMA)
Indiana Coal Council
Industrial Energy Consumers of America
Industrial Fasteners Institute
Industrial Minerals Association - North America
Institute of Makers of Explosives
Intermountain Forest Association
International Association of Drilling Contractors (IADC)
International Council of Shopping Centers
International Wood Products Association
Iowa Association of Business and Industry
IPC-Association Connecting Electronics Industries
Irving-Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce
JAX Chamber
Kalispell Area Chamber of Commerce
Kansas Chamber of Commerce
Kansas Livestock Association
Kentucky Forest Industries Association
Kingsport Chamber of Commerce
Kitchen Cabinet Manufacturers Association
LA Oil Marketers & Convenience Store Association
Lake Havasu Area Chamber of Commerce
Land Improvement Contractors of America (LICA)
Las Vegas Metro Chamber of Commerce
Leading Builders of America
Lima Allen County Chamber of Commerce
Lincoln Chamber of Commerce
Little Rock Regional Chamber of Commerce
Livestock Market Digest newspaper
Longview TX Chamber of Commerce
Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce

Loudoun County Chamber of Commerce
Louisiana Association of Business and Industry
Louisiana Landowners Association
Lubbock Chamber of Commerce
Lynchburg Regional Business Alliance
Maine Innkeepers Association
Manatee Chamber of Commerce
Marana Chamber of Commerce
Marshalltown Area Chamber of Commerce
Mason City Chamber of Commerce
Mason Contractors Association
McAllen Chamber of Commerce
Mechanical Contractors Association of America
Mesa Chamber of Commerce (AZ)
Metal Powder Industries Federation
Metals Service Center Institute
Mid-America Lumbermens Association
Midwest Food Processors Association
Minnesota Grocers Association
Missouri Cattlemen's Association
Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry
Missouri Corn Growers Association
Montana Chamber of Commerce
Montana Logging Association
Montclair Chamber of Commerce
Motor & Equipment Manufacturers Association
Murrieta Chamber of Commerce
Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce
Naperville Area Chamber of Commerce
National Agricultural Aviation Association
National Apartment Association
National Association of Chemical Distributors (NACD)
National Association of Convenience Stores
National Association of Electrical Distributors
National Association of Federal Credit Unions
National Association of Home Builders
National Association of Manufacturers
National Association of Neighborhoods
National Association of REALTORS®
National Association of Wholesaler-Distributors
National Black Chamber of Commerce
National Confectioners Association
National Corn Growers Association
National Council of Chain Restaurants
National Council of Textile Organizations
National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA)
National Federation of Independent Business

National Grocers Association
National Ground Water Association
National Industrial Sand Association
National Kitchen & Bath Association
National Lime Association (NLA)
National Lumber and Building Material Dealers Association
National Marine Distributors Association
National Mining Association
National Multifamily Housing Council
National Newspaper Association
National Oilseed Processors Association
National Pork Producers Council
National Private Truck Council
National Railroad Construction & Maintenance Association (NRCMA)
National Ready Mixed Concrete Association
National Roofing Contractors Association
National Rural Electric Cooperative Association
National Small Business Association (NSBA)
National Stone Sand and Gravel Association (NSSGA)
National Tooling and Machining Association
National Utility Contractors Association
National Wooden Pallet and Container Association
Nebraska Chamber of Commerce & Industry
NEMA- National Electrical Manufacturers Association
Nevada Manufacturers Association
Nevada Mining Association
New Jersey Gasoline, C-Store, Automotive Association
New Jersey State Chamber of Commerce
New Mexico Association of Commerce & Industry
New Mexico Cattle Growers' Association
New Mexico Federal Lands Council
New Mexico Stockman Magazine
New Mexico Wool Growers, Inc.
NOCO HBA
Nogales-Santa Cruz County Chamber of Commerce Visitor & Tourism Center
North American Die Casting Association
North American Meat Institute
North Carolina Chamber
North Carolina Manufacturers Alliance
North Country Chamber of Commerce
North Myrtle Beach Chamber of Commerce
Northeastern Retail Lumber Association
Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce
Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce
NPES The Association for Suppliers of Printing, Publishing and Converting Technologies
Ohio AgriBusiness Association
Ohio Forestry Association, Inc.

Ohio Grocers Association
Ohio Hotel & Lodging Association
Ojai Valley Chamber of Commerce
Orange County Business Council (Irvine, CA)
Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce
Outdoor Power Equipment and Engine Service Association
Outdoor Power Equipment Institute (OPEI)
Overland Park (Kansas) Chamber of Commerce
Oxnard Chamber of Commerce
PA Food Merchants Association
Pasadena Chamber of Commerce
Pasco Chamber of Commerce
Pearland Chamber of Commerce, a Texas organization
Pella Chamber of Commerce
Pennsylvania Builders Association
Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry
Pennsylvania Forest Products Association
Pennsylvania Manufacturers' Association
Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors-National Association
Port Hueneme Chamber of Commerce
Portland Cement Association
Prattville Area Chamber of Commerce
Precision Machined Products Association
Precision Metalforming Association
Printing Industries of America
Printing Industries of New England
Puyallup Sumner Chamber of Commerce
Redondo Beach Chamber of Commerce
Retail Industry Leaders Association
Rogers-Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce
Sacramento Metro Chamber
Salt Lake Chamber
San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce
San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership
San Jose Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce
Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce
SC Timber Producers Association
Schuylkill Chamber of Commerce
Silver City Grant County Chamber of Commerce
Simi Valley Chamber of Commerce
Small Business & Entrepreneurship Council
Small Business Legislative Council
SNAC International
Society of American Florists
South Baldwin Chamber of Commerce, Foley, AL
South Bay Association of Chambers of Commerce
South Carolina Chamber of Commerce

South Shore Chamber of Commerce
Southeastern Lumber Manufacturers Association
Southwest California Legislative Council
SPI: The Plastics Industry Trade Association
St. Cloud Area Chamber of Commerce
St. Joseph (MO) Chamber of Commerce
Steel Tank Institute/Steel Plate Fabricators Association
Tempe Chamber of Commerce
Tennessee Chamber of Commerce & Industry
Texas Association of Business
Textile Rental Services Association
The Business Council of New York State, Inc.
The Chamber of Commerce serving Johnson City/Jonesborough/Washington County
The Chamber of Medford/Jackson County
The Chamber of Reno, Sparks, and Northern Nevada
Tile Roofing Institute
Toledo Regional Chamber of Commerce
Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce
Treated Wood Council
Tri-City Regional Chamber of Commerce (WA)
Tucson Metro Chamber
Tulsa Regional Chamber
U.S. Chamber of Commerce
United Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce
United States Telecom Association
Vermont Vehicle & Automotive Distributors Association
Virginia Chamber of Commerce
Virginia Coal & Energy Alliance, Inc.
Virginia Forest Products Association
Vista Chamber of Commerce
WA Food Industry Association (WFIA)
West Baton Rouge Chamber of Commerce
West Virginia Forestry Association
Western DuPage Chamber of Commerce
Western Energy Alliance
Western Equipment Dealers Association
Westerville Area Chamber of Commerce
Westmoreland County Chamber of Commerce (PA)
White Pine Chamber of Commerce
Wichita Regional Chamber of Commerce
Window and Door Manufacturers Association
Wisconsin Cast Metals Association
Wisconsin Grocers Association
Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce
World Floor Covering Association (WFCA)
Wyoming Stock Growers Association
York County Economic Alliance

Youngstown Warren Regional Chamber
Yuma County Chamber of Commerce

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U.S. House of Representatives

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Majority Whip
U.S. House of Representatives

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Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary
U.S. House of Representatives

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Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary
U.S. House of Representatives