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The Honorable Paul Ryan
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To Speaker Ryan, Majority Leader McConnell, and Democratic Leaders Pelosi and Schumer:

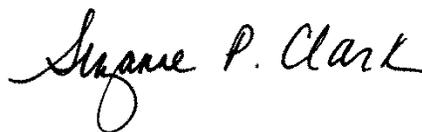
American businesses believe the increase of strangling regulations from Washington, D.C., in the past decade has held back job and economic growth. Regulatory reform is clearly overdue, and the U.S. Chamber of Chamber salutes the House and Senate for making this issue a shared priority.

Regulatory reform must reach back and look forward. There is no doubt that the Obama administration pursued a massive anti-business agenda that targeted many sectors. The Chamber appreciates the House's quick action to deploy the Congressional Review Act this week to invalidate several problematic rules from the past Administration. The Chamber urges the Senate to complement the House's action as expeditiously as practicable.

Going forward, Congress should overhaul and modernize the rulemaking process to ensure that the burdens on businesses are more accurately captured, described, and, most importantly, avoided. In particular, the Chamber supports the Regulatory Accountability Act, which would modernize the rule making process for the first time in nearly six decades. Once again, the Chamber hopes the Senate will soon follow the House's action on this legislation in a strongly bipartisan way.

The Chamber appreciates the leadership of many in the House and Senate on regulatory reform legislation, and we look forward to working with you to enact bipartisan legislation to rein in out-of-control regulators early in this new Congress.

Sincerely,



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cc: Members of the U.S. House of Representatives and United States Senate