

January 12, 2015

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

The undersigned groups strongly urge you to pass H.R. 185, the Regulatory Accountability Act of 2015, which would modernize the 69-year old Administrative Procedure Act and improve how federal agencies write the regulations that most significantly affect the U.S. economy.

Our members believe that regulations need to be narrowly tailored, supported by strong and credible data and evidence, and impose the lowest possible burden while still implementing Congressional intent. When agencies produce regulations that do not reflect these ideals, better mechanisms to hold them accountable are needed.

The Regulatory Accountability Act of 2015 would enhance the regulatory process by:

- Increasing public participation in shaping the most costly regulations before they are proposed;
- Requiring that agencies must choose the least costly option, unless they can demonstrate that public health, safety, or welfare requires a more costly requirement;
- Giving interested parties the opportunity to hold agencies accountable for their compliance with the Information Quality Act;
- Providing for on-the-record administrative hearings for the most costly regulations to ensure that agency data is well tested and reviewed;
- Restricting agencies' use of interim final regulations where no comments are taken before a regulation takes effect and providing for expedited judicial review of whether that approach is justified; and
- Providing for a more rigorous test in legal challenges for those regulations that would have the most impact.

The Regulatory Accountability Act of 2015 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. These principles would make the regulatory process more transparent, agencies more accountable, and regulations more cost-effective. H.R. 185 would not affect the vast majority of new regulations that are not high-impact rules, regulations that are already in effect, or the enforcement of current regulations.

We urge you to support this important legislation.

Sincerely,

60 Plus Association  
ACCA – The Indoor Environment & Energy Efficiency Association  
Aggregate & Ready Mix Association of Minnesota

Alaska Chamber  
American Architectural Manufacturers Association (AAMA)  
American Chemistry Council  
American Coatings Association  
American Composites Manufacturers Association  
American Concrete Pressure Pipe Association  
American Council of Engineering Companies  
American Council of Independent Laboratories  
American Exploration & Mining Association  
American Forest & Paper Association  
American Foundry Society  
American Fruit and Vegetable Processors and Growers Coalition  
American Highway Users Alliance  
American Iron and Steel Institute  
American Loggers Council  
American Road & Transportation Builders Association  
American Subcontractors Association, Inc.  
American Supply Association  
American Trucking Associations  
American Wholesale Marketers Association  
American Wood Council  
AMT-The Association For Manufacturing Technology  
Arizona Mining Association  
Arkansas Independent Producers & Royalty Owners Association  
Associated Builders and Contractors  
Associated Builders and Contractors, Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter  
Associated Builders and Contractors, Rocky Mountain Chapter  
Associated California Loggers  
Associated General Contractors of Missouri  
Associated Oregon Loggers, Inc.  
Associated Wire Rope Fabricators  
Association of American Railroads  
Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers  
Bismarck-Mandan Chamber of Commerce – ND  
Black Hills Forest Resource Association  
Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce – FL  
Brick Industry Association  
Brownsville Chamber of Commerce – TX  
Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA) International  
Business Council of Alabama

California Construction and Industrial Materials Association  
California Retailers Association  
Campbell County Chamber of Commerce – WY  
Carson Valley Chamber of Commerce – NV  
Cellulose Insulation Manufacturers Association  
Central Louisiana Chamber of Commerce  
Chemical Industry Council of Illinois  
Colorado Association of Commerce & Industry  
Colorado Timber Industry Association  
Credit Union National Association  
CropLife America  
Edison Electric Institute  
Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce – VA  
Far West Equipment Dealers Association  
GASDA, Inc.  
Georgia Mining Association  
Global Cold Chain Alliance  
Grain and Feed Association of Illinois  
Greater Cedar Valley Alliance & Chamber – IA  
Greater Louisville Inc. – KY  
Helicopter Association International  
Idaho Mining Association  
INDA, Association of the Nonwoven Fabrics Industry  
Independent Petroleum Association of America  
Indiana Chamber of Commerce  
Indiana Coal Council, Inc.  
Industrial Energy Consumers of America  
Intermountain Forest Association  
International Association of Amusement Parks and Attractions  
International Association of Drilling Contractors  
International Franchise Association  
IPC – Association Connecting Electronics Industries  
Johnson City Chamber of Commerce – TN  
Kentucky Chamber of Commerce  
Kentucky Forest Industries Association  
Kitchen Cabinet Manufacturers Association (KCMA)  
Leading Builders of America  
Louisiana Association of Business and industry  
Louisiana Landowners Association, Inc.  
Metals Service Center Institute

Michigan Association of Timbermen  
Midwest Food Processors Association  
Missouri Forest Products Association  
Montana Mining Association  
Montana Wood Products Association  
Motor & Equipment Manufacturers Association  
Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce – SC  
National Asphalt Pavement Association  
National Association for Surface Finishing  
National Association of Federal Credit Unions  
National Association of Home Builders  
National Association of Manufacturers  
National Association of REALTORS®  
National Black Chamber of Commerce  
National Club Association  
National Corn Growers Association  
National Council of Farmer Cooperatives  
National Council of Textile Organizations  
National Federation of Independent Business  
National Grain and Feed Association  
National Lumber and Building Material Dealers Association  
National Mining Association  
National Oilseed Processors Association  
National Pest Management Association  
National Private Truck Council  
National Ready Mixed Concrete Association  
National Roofing Contractors Association  
National Shippers Strategic Transportation Council (NASSTRAC)  
National Small Business Association  
National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association  
National Wood Flooring Association  
Nebraska Chamber of Commerce & Industry  
Nevada Manufacturers Association  
New Jersey State Chamber of Commerce  
Non-Ferrous Founders' Society  
North American Equipment Dealers Association  
North American Home Furnishings Association (NAHFA)  
North American Meat Institute  
North Carolina Chamber  
North Carolina Manufacturers Alliance

North Carolina Retail Merchants Association  
North Country Chamber of Commerce – NY  
NTEA – The Association for the Work Truck Industry  
Ohio Chemistry Technology Council  
Orange County Business Council – CA  
Palm Desert Area Chamber of Commerce – CA  
Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry  
Pennsylvania Manufacturers' Association  
Petroleum Marketers Association of America  
Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors—National Association  
Professional Landcare Network  
Rhode Island Chapter of ABC  
Sacramento Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce – CA  
Santa Clara Chamber of Commerce – CA  
Schuylkill Chamber of Commerce – PA  
Small Business & Entrepreneurship Council  
Society of American Florists  
South Carolina Retail Association  
South Carolina Timber Producers Association  
Southern Crop Production Association  
Textile Rental Services Association  
The Chamber of Reno, Sparks, and Northern Nevada  
The Fertilizer Institute  
Truck Renting and Leasing Association  
Tucson Metro Chamber – AZ  
Tulsa Regional Chamber – OK  
U.S. Chamber of Commerce  
Utah Mining Association  
Virginia Chamber of Commerce  
Washington Retail Association  
West Virginia Chamber  
West Virginia Oil Marketers and Grocers Association  
West Virginia Trucking Association  
Western Energy Alliance  
Window and Door Manufacturers Association  
Wisconsin Grocers Association  
Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce  
Wyoming Stock Growers Association