

September 14, 2015

The Honorable Ron Johnson
Chairman
Committee on Homeland Security
and Governmental Affairs
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Tom Carper
Ranking Member
Committee on Homeland Security
and Governmental Affairs
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Johnson and Ranking Member Carper:

The 387 undersigned groups applaud the introduction of S. 2006, the “Regulatory Accountability Act of 2015,” and the leadership of this bill’s original co-sponsors—Senators Rob Portman, Susan Collins, Angus King, Ron Johnson, Kelly Ayotte, John Cornyn, and David Perdue. This critical bipartisan bill would bring into the 21st century the process federal agencies use when they write the regulations that most significantly affect the lives of all Americans.

Our members, representing a broad range of industries from all across the country, believe that federal regulations must be narrowly tailored, supported by strong and credible data and evidence, and impose the least burden possible while still implementing Congressional intent. Unfortunately, however, because America’s regulatory process was designed nearly 70 years ago, we are now confronted with a growing number of massive, costly, and complex rules that breed uncertainty and stifle hiring and investment. These growing regulatory burdens and the uncertainty caused by badly-written regulations are a fundamental concern to us.

S. 2006 would improve the process by which federal agencies promulgate regulations to improve accountability and the integrity of the rulemaking process. This bill would not prevent federal agencies from issuing regulations or accomplishing needed regulatory objectives. It would, however, make the regulatory process more transparent, agencies more accountable, and regulations more carefully designed.

The undersigned groups applaud the introduction of this important bill and encourage the Committee to support this bill.

Sincerely,

Alabama

Alabama Forestry Association
Alexander City Chamber of Commerce
Birmingham Business Alliance
Business Council of Alabama
Greater Jackson County Chamber of Commerce
Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce
Opelika Chamber of Commerce

Shoals Chamber of Commerce

Alaska

Alaska Chamber

Alaska Miners Association

Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce

Greater Ketchikan Chamber of Commerce

Arizona

Arizona Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Arizona Manufacturers Council

Arizona Mining Association

Buckeye Valley Chamber of Commerce

Gilbert Chamber of Commerce

Graham County Chamber of Commerce

Greater Flagstaff Chamber of Commerce

Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce

Lake Havasu Area Chamber of Commerce

Mesa Chamber of Commerce

Queen Creek Chamber of Commerce

Tempe Chamber of Commerce

Tucson Metro Chamber

Yuma County Chamber of Commerce

Arkansas

Agricultural Council of Arkansas

Arkansas Asphalt Pavement Association

Arkansas Farm Bureau Federation

Arkansas Hospitality Association

Arkansas Independent Producers & Royalty Owners Association (AIPRO)

Arkansas State Chamber of Commerce

Associated Industries of Arkansas

California

Alhambra Chamber of Commerce

American Concrete Pressure Pipe Association

California Chamber of Commerce

California Hotel & Lodging Association

Cerritos Regional Chamber of Commerce

Chambers of Commerce Alliance of Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties

Far West Equipment Dealers Association

Gateway Chambers Alliance

Goleta Valley Chamber of Commerce

Inland Empire Regional Chamber of Commerce

Irvine Chamber of Commerce

Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce

North American Home Furnishings Association

North Orange County Chamber

Northern California World Trade Center

Ojai Valley Chamber of Commerce
Orange County Business Council
Oxnard Chamber of Commerce
Pacific-West Fastener Association
Palm Desert Area Chamber of Commerce
Pasadena Chamber of Commerce
Sacramento Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce
San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership
San Jose Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce
Simi Valley Chamber of Commerce
Southwest California Legislative Council
Specialty Equipment Market Association
Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce

Colorado

Associated Builders & Contractors, Rocky Mountain Chapter
Associated General Contractors of Colorado
Aurora Chamber of Commerce
Chamber of Commerce of Highlands Ranch
Colorado Association of Commerce & Industry
Colorado Business Roundtable
Colorado Roofing Association
Colorado Timber Industry Association
Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce
Grand Junction, Colorado Area Chamber of Commerce
National Cattlemen's Beef Association

Connecticut

Connecticut Business & Industry Association

Delaware

Delaware Farm Bureau

Florida

Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce
Florida Chamber of Commerce
Florida First Coast Chapter Associated Builders & Contractors
Gases and Welding Distributors Association
Greater Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce
Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce
JAX Chamber
Lake City – Columbia County Chamber of Commerce
Miramar Pembroke Pines Regional Chamber of Commerce
Orlando, Inc.
Southeastern Meat Association
St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce
Upper Tampa Bay Chamber of Commerce

Georgia

Carroll County Chamber of Commerce

Catoosa County Chamber of Commerce
Fayette Chamber of Commerce
Georgia Chamber of Commerce
Georgia Railroad Association
Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce
Southeastern Lumber Manufacturers Association
Technical Association Pulp & Paper Industry
The Dooly County Chamber of Commerce

Hawaii

Hawaii Business League

Idaho

Associated Logging Contractors – Idaho
Boise Metro Chamber of Commerce
Idaho Mining Association

Illinois

American Foundry Society
American Rental Association
American Supply Association
Chemical Industry Council of Illinois
Greater Oak Brook Chamber of Commerce
Illinois Association of Convenience Stores
Illinois Black Chamber of Commerce
Illinois Petroleum Marketers Association
IPC – Association Connecting Electronics Industries
ISSA, The Worldwide Cleaning Industry Association
Land Improvement Contractors of America (LICA)
Metals Service Center Institute
Murphysboro Chamber of Commerce
Naperville Area Chamber of Commerce
National Association of REALTORS®
National Roofing Contractors Association
Non-Ferrous Founders' Society
The Illinois Chamber of Commerce
Western DuPage Chamber of Commerce

Illinois/ Iowa

Quad Cities Chamber of Commerce

Indiana

Asphalt Pavement Association of Indiana, Inc.
Indiana Cast Metals Association
Indiana Coal Council, Inc.
Indiana Mineral Aggregates Association
St. Joseph County Chamber of Commerce
Wabash County Chamber of Commerce

Iowa

Ames Chamber of Commerce
Greater Cedar Valley Alliance & Chamber
Greater Des Moines Partnership
Iowa Association of Business and Industry

Kansas

Kansas Livestock Association
Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association of Kansas
The Kansas Chamber
Wichita Metro Chamber of Commerce

Kentucky

Greater Louisville Inc.
Kentucky Forest Industries Association
Kentucky Petroleum Marketers Association
Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce
Plantmix Asphalt Industry of Kentucky

Louisiana

Central Louisiana Chamber of Commerce
Greater Shreveport Chamber of Commerce
Louisiana Association of Business and Industry
Louisiana Landowners Association
New Orleans Chamber of Commerce

Maine

Professional Logging Contractors of Maine

Maryland

Baltimore Washington Corridor Chamber
Drycleaning & Laundry Institute
Maryland Chamber of Commerce
Mid-Atlantic Petroleum Distributors Association
National Asphalt Pavement Association
National Ready Mixed Concrete Association
Printing and Graphics Association MidAtlantic (PGAMA)

Massachusetts

Associated Industries of Massachusetts
Metro South Chamber of Commerce
Printing Industries of New England

Michigan

AGC of Michigan
Foundry Association of Michigan
Jackson County Chamber of Commerce
Michigan Petroleum Association
NTEA – The Association for the Work Truck Industry

Minnesota

Aggregate & Ready Mix Association of Minnesota
Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce
Litchfield Area Chamber of Commerce
Marshall Area Chamber of Commerce
Minnesota Chamber of Commerce
Minnesota Grocers Association
St. Cloud Area Chamber of Commerce

Minnesota/North Dakota

Fargo Moorhead West Fargo Chamber of Commerce

Mississippi

Mississippi Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association
Mississippi Propane Gas Association
Monroe County (MS) Chamber of Commerce

Missouri

Missouri Grocers Association
National Corn Growers Association
North American Equipment Dealers Association
Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce
St. Louis Regional Chamber
Western Equipment Dealers Association

Montana

Billings Chamber of Commerce
Kalispell Chamber of Commerce
Montana Chamber of Commerce
Montana Manufacturers Association
Montana Petroleum Marketers & Convenience Store Association

Nebraska

Associated General Contractors Nebraska Chapter
Hastings Area Chamber of Commerce
Nebraska Chamber of Commerce & Industry

Nevada

Carson Valley Chamber of Commerce
Las Vegas Metro Chamber of Commerce
The Chamber of Reno, Sparks, and Northern Nevada
White Pine Chamber of Commerce

New Hampshire

Business and Industry Association of New Hampshire

New Jersey

Chamber of Commerce Southern New Jersey
Hudson County Chamber of Commerce
Metal Powder Industries Federation
Morris County Chamber of Commerce

National Kitchen & Bath Association
New Jersey Gasoline, C-Store, Automotive Association
New Jersey Short Line Railroad Association
New Jersey State Chamber of Commerce

New Mexico

New Mexico Cattle Growers' Association
New Mexico Wool Growers, Inc.
Silver City Grant County Chamber of Commerce

New York

Buffalo Niagara Partnership
Capital Regional Chamber of Commerce
Independent Oil and Gas Association of New York
International Council of Shopping Centers
Manhattan Chamber of Commerce
North Country Chamber of Commerce
The Northeastern Retail Lumber Association

North Carolina

Belhaven Community Chamber of Commerce
Carolinans Roofing and Sheet Metal Contractors Association, Inc. (CRSMCA)
Cary Chamber of Commerce
Charlotte Chamber of Commerce
Greater Raleigh Chamber of Commerce
Holly Springs Chamber of Commerce
INDA, Association of the Nonwoven Fabrics Industry
Motor & Equipment Manufacturers Association
North Carolina Chamber
Wilmington Chamber of Commerce

North Dakota

Bismarck-Mandan Chamber of Commerce
Greater North Dakota Chamber of Commerce
North Dakota Grocers Association
Williston Area Builders Association

Ohio

Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber
Darke County Chamber of Commerce
Dublin Chamber of Commerce
Flexible Pavements of Ohio
Forging Industry Association
Heating, Air-Conditioning & Refrigeration Distributors International (HARDI)
Industrial Fasteners Institute
Ohio AgriBusiness Association
Ohio Cast Metals Association
Ohio Chamber of Commerce
Ohio Coal Association
Ohio Forestry Association

Oklahoma

Ardmore Chamber of Commerce
Associated Wire Rope Fabricators
Gas Processors Association
Oklahoma Independent Petroleum Association
Oklahoma Municipal Contractors Association
State Chamber of Oklahoma
Tulsa Regional Chamber

Oregon

Associated Oregon Industries
Associated Oregon Loggers, Inc.
Roseburg Area Chamber of Commerce

Pennsylvania

Chester County Chamber of Business & Industry
Greater Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce
Manufacturer & Business Association
Maritime Exchange for the Delaware River and Bay
NUCA Pennsylvania
Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry
Pennsylvania Food Merchants Association
Pennsylvania Motor Truck Association
Schuylkill Chamber of Commerce
The Pennsylvania Corn Growers Association Inc.

Rhode Island

Associated Builders & Contractors Rhode Island Chapter
East Bay Chamber of Commerce
East Providence Area Chamber of Commerce
Greater Westerly Pawcatuck Chamber of Commerce
Northern Rhode Island Chamber of Commerce

South Carolina

Berkeley Chamber of Commerce
Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce
North Myrtle Beach Chamber of Commerce
South Carolina Chamber of Commerce
South Carolina Timber Producers Association

South Dakota

Black Hills Forest Resource Association
Sioux Falls Chamber of Commerce

Tennessee

Johnson City/Jonesborough/Washington County TN Chamber of Commerce
National Cotton Council
Tennessee Mining Association
Tennessee Oil and Gas Association

Texas

American Loggers Council
Electronic Security Association
Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce
Greater Port Arthur Chamber of Commerce
IEC Fort Worth/Tarrant County Chapter
Longview Chamber of Commerce
North San Antonio Chamber of Commerce
Port Aransas Chamber of Commerce
San Antonio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
South Padre Island Chamber of Commerce
Texas Association of Business

Utah

Carbon County Chamber of Commerce
Davis Chamber of Commerce
Salt Lake Chamber
Utah Mining Association

Vermont

Vermont Vehicle & Automotive Distributors Association, Inc.

Virginia

American Association of Port Authorities
American Composites Manufacturers Association
American Feed Industry Association
American Subcontractors Association, Inc.
American Trucking Associations
American Wood Council
AMT – The Association For Manufacturing Technology
Brick Industry Association
Construction Industry Round Table (CIRT)
Convenience Distribution Association
Council of Industrial Boiler Owners
Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce
Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce
Global Cold Chain Alliance
Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce
Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce
Hearth, Patio & Barbecue Association
Independent Electrical Contractors
Loudoun County Chamber of Commerce
Manufacturers Alliance for Productivity and Innovation (MAPI)
National Apartment Association
National Association of Convenience Stores
National Association of Federal Credit Unions
National Association of Landscape Professionals

National Grocers Association
National Private Truck Council
National Renderers Association
National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association
National Utility Contractors Association (NUCA)
NPES The Association for Suppliers of Printing, Publishing and Converting Technologies
Petroleum Marketers Association of America
Small Business & Entrepreneurship Council
Snack Food Association
Truck Renting and Leasing Association
Virginia Chamber of Commerce
Virginia Forestry Association

Washington

American Exploration & Mining Association
Greater Spokane Incorporated
Greater Yakima Chamber of Commerce
Moses Lake Chamber of Commerce
Puyallup Sumner Chamber of Commerce
Tri-City Regional Chamber of Commerce
Washington Retail Association

Washington, D.C.

American Bakers Association
American Chemistry Council
American Coatings Association
American Coke and Coal Chemicals Institute
American Council of Engineering Companies
American Farm Bureau Federation®
American Forest & Paper Association
American Highway Users Alliance
American Land Title Association (ALTA)
American Petroleum Institute
American Public Gas Association
American Road & Transportation Builders Association
Associated Builders and Contractors
Association of American Railroads
Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA) International
Flavor and Extract Manufacturers Association
Forest Resources Association
Independent Petroleum Association of America
Industrial Energy Consumers of America
Industrial Minerals Association – North America
Institute of Makers of Explosives
International Franchise Association
National Association of Home Builders
National Association of Manufacturers
National Association of Neighborhoods

National Association of Wholesaler-Distributors
National Black Chamber of Commerce
National Council of Chain Restaurants
National Council of Textile Organizations
National Federation of Independent Business
National Grain and Feed Association
National Industrial Sand Association
National Lumber and Building Material Dealers Association
National Mining Association
National Multifamily Housing Council
National Oilseed Processors Association
National Railroad Construction & Maintenance Association
National Small Business Association
Roof Coatings Manufacturers Association (RCMA)
The Fertilizer Institute
Treated Wood Council
U.S. Chamber of Commerce
Window and Door Manufacturers Association

West Virginia

West Virginia Coal Association
West Virginia Oil and Natural Gas Association
West Virginia Oil Marketers and Grocers Association

Wisconsin

Eau Claire Area Chamber of Commerce
Great Lakes Timber Professionals Association
Middleton Chamber of Commerce
Midwest Food Processors Association
Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce
Wisconsin Agri-Business Association
Wisconsin Grocers Association
Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce
Wisconsin Motor Carriers Association
Wisconsin Transportation Builders Association

Wyoming

Greater Cheyenne Chamber of Commerce
Wyoming Stock Growers Association

cc: Members of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
The Honorable Angus King
The Honorable Susan Collins
The Honorable John Cornyn
The Honorable David Perdue