

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 115<sup>th</sup> 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

cc: The Honorable Kevin McCarthy  
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U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable Steve Scalise  
Majority Whip  
U.S. House of Representatives

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

The Honorable John Conyers  
Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary  
U.S. House of Representatives