

June 5, 2013

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE:

The undersigned groups strongly urge you to support S. 1029, the “Regulatory Accountability Act of 2013.” We applaud sponsor Sen. Rob Portman and cosponsors Sens. Mark Pryor, Susan Collins, Bill Nelson, John Cornyn, Joe Manchin, Kelly Ayotte, Angus King and Mike Johanns for their strong leadership on this important issue. This bipartisan legislation would enhance and improve the quality of the federal rulemaking process.

Our regulatory process has not been updated in more than six decades, and as a result we are seeing a rising number of massive, costly rules that breed uncertainty, drive up costs, and stifle hiring and investment. This legislation, which would modernize the 66-year old Administrative Procedure Act, would improve the process by which federal agencies promulgate regulations to improve accountability and the integrity of the rulemaking process.

Small and large businesses alike consistently cite growing regulatory burdens and the uncertainty that occurs when badly-written regulations must be corrected through years of litigation as the most significant obstacles to new hiring.

This bill would address these serious issues in a reasonable, measured way. The legislation would *not* prevent federal agencies from issuing regulations or accomplishing their objectives. Rather, the legislation would ensure that federal regulators base their regulatory decisions on solid information, ensure that the regulatory process is more transparent, and hold agencies more accountable to the public.

We strongly support the Regulatory Accountability Act and urge you to pass this important legislation.

Sincerely,

[Signatories]