

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  
Carolinas 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