The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker of the House  
United States House of Representatives  
H-232, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy  
Minority Leader  
United States House of Representatives  
H-204, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20510

May 14, 2020

Dear Speaker Pelosi and Minority Leader McCarthy:

We applaud your bipartisan leadership and cooperation in responding to the unprecedented health and economic crisis that resulted from the COVID-19 pandemic. In that spirit, we write to urge the inclusion of statutory changes to significantly reduce red tape, paperwork, and other regulatory requirements in any subsequent legislation to respond to COVID-19 in general, and economic recovery in particular.

Since the emergence of COVID-19, there have been significant changes around the world to cope with the pandemic. Domestically, we have seen federal, state, and local governments take steps to protect at-risk populations through social distancing, mandatory business closures, and various shelter-in-place strategies. These measures do appear to help "flatten the curve" of COVID-19 infections, but they are taking a devastating toll on the economy, jobs, and people's lives.

Since March 5, 2020, the House has passed four packages of legislation to respond to this extraordinary health and economic disaster. Moving forward, we must include statutory changes that permit regulatory relief for businesses small and large across every sector of the economy.

Regulatory reform, whether through paperwork reduction or removing outmoded compliance requirements, is the most efficient means of promoting economic recovery. In contrast to unsustainable increases in federal spending, the easing of regulatory burdens—estimated to cost businesses as much as $1.9 trillion—will have a broader macroeconomic affect by promoting competition and private investment. The burden of regulatory compliance on small businesses alone, who create most of the new jobs in the US, is tremendous as the cost per employee averages out to be $15,003 (calculation based on data from the SBA).

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We stand ready to work with you to include commonsense regulatory relief in the next phase of legislation to promote long-term economic recovery following the COVID-19 healthcare crisis.

Sincerely,

Steve Chabot  
Member of Congress

/s/ Troy Balderson  
Member of Congress
/s/ Chuck Fleischmann
Chuck Fleischmann
Member of Congress

/s/ Steve King
Steve King
Member of Congress

/s/ Pete Stauber
Pete Stauber
Member of Congress

/s/ Scott Perry
Scott Perry
Member of Congress

/s/ Ken Buck
Ken Buck
Member of Congress

/s/ W. Gregory Steube
W. Gregory Steube
Member of Congress

/s/ Paul A. Gosar, D.D.S
Paul A. Gosar, D.D.S.
Member of Congress

/s/ Kevin Hern
Kevin Hern
Member of Congress

/s/ Mark Walker
Mark Walker
Member of Congress

/s/ Bob Gibbs
Bob Gibbs
Member of Congress

/s/ Roger Williams
Roger Williams
Member of Congress

/s/ Robert Latta
Robert Latta
Member of Congress

/s/ Chris Stewart
Chris Stewart
Member of Congress

/s/ Ben Cline
Ben Cline
Member of Congress

/s/ Ron Wright
Ron Wright
Member of Congress

/s/ Scott DesJarlais
Scott DesJarlais
Member of Congress
/s/ Andy Biggs

Andy Biggs
Member of Congress

/s/ Doug Collins

Doug Collins
Member of Congress

/s/ Dan Meuser

Dan Meuser
Member of Congress

/s/ Jason Smith

Jason Smith
Member of Congress

/s/ Glenn Grothman

Glenn Grothman
Member of Congress

/s/ Jack Bergman

Jack Bergman
Member of Congress

/s/ Virginia Foxx

Virginia Foxx
Member of Congress

/s/ Debbie Lesko

Debbie Lesko
Member of Congress

/s/ Michael Cloud

Michael Cloud
Member of Congress

/s/ Brad R. Wenstrup

Brad R. Wenstrup, D.P.M.
Member of Congress

/s/ Roger Marshall, M.D.

Roger Marshall, M.D
Member of Congress

/s/ Dan Newhouse

Dan Newhouse
Member of Congress

/s/ Bill Posey

Bill Posey
Member of Congress

/s/ Tom Emmer

Tom Emmer
Member of Congress

/s/ William Timmons

William Timmons
Member of Congress

/s/ Lance Gooden

Lance Gooden
Member of Congress
/s/ Matt Gaetz

Matt Gaetz
Member of Congress

/s/ Trent Kelly

Trent Kelly
Member of Congress

/s/ Jody Hice

Jody Hice
Member of Congress

/s/ Jim Jordan

Jim Jordan
Member of Congress

/s/ Pete Olson

Pete Olson
Member of Congress

/s/ Anthony Gonzalez

Anthony Gonzalez
Member of Congress

/s/ Mike Bost

Mike Bost
Member of Congress

/s/ Tom Cole

Tom Cole
Member of Congress

/s/ Greg Gianforte

Greg Gianforte
Member of Congress

/s/ Dan Bishop

Dan Bishop
Member of Congress

/s/ David P. Joyce

David P. Joyce
Member of Congress

/s/ Carol D. Miller

Carol D. Miller
Member of Congress

/s/ Gary Palmer

Gary Palmer
Member of Congress

/s/ David Rouzer

David Rouzer
Member of Congress

/s/ Doug LaMalfa

Doug LaMalfa
Member of Congress

/s/ Michael Guest

Michael Guest
Member of Congress
/s/ Brett Guthrie

Brett Guthrie
Member of Congress