

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

May 14, 2020

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

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,



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Member of Congress

/s/ Troy Balderson

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Troy Balderson  
Member of Congress

/s/ Chuck Fleischmann

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Chuck Fleischmann  
Member of Congress

/s/ Steve King

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Steve King  
Member of Congress

/s/ Pete Stauber

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Pete Stauber  
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/s/ Scott Perry

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/s/ Ken Buck

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/s/ W. Gregory Steube

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/s/ Chris Stewart

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