

December 5, 2011

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The Honorable Geoff Davis
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Davis:

The Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber, the nation's 5th largest chamber representing nearly 5,000 member businesses, endorses H.R. 10, the "Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny (REINS) Act."

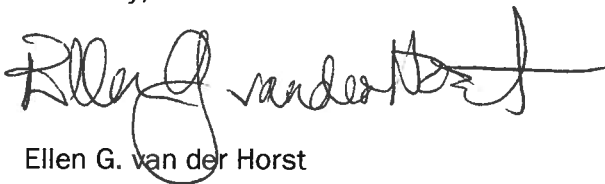
"Uncertainty", "the cost of doing business" and "regulatory accountability" are consistently near the top of the list when we ask our members about the barriers they encounter to creating jobs and growing our economy. Businesses grow when costs are low and there is predictability in the marketplace. Unfortunately, our nation's regulatory climate has become consistently burdensome over the past several years, raising costs and leaving businesses to wonder what is coming next.

For example, the recent federal health care law includes more than 40 provisions that require, permit or contemplate federal rulemaking and the Dodd-Frank financial reform law requires more than 240 potential rulemaking provisions. These possible new rules – enforced as federal law – need and deserve Congressional oversight and endorsement.

These regulations will, for good or bad, touch every sector of the economy, and we must be sure that they are properly monitored so that they are "right sized" and do not stand in the way of economic growth and job creation.

The Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber believes the REINS Act will ensure regulatory transparency and accountability, and we applaud your leadership on this important topic.

Sincerely,



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cc: The Honorable John Boehner, Speaker of the House
The Honorable Steve Chabot, U.S. House of Representatives, 1st District
The Honorable Jean Schmidt, U.S. House of Representatives, 2nd District

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