

October 11, 2011

The Hon. Geoff Davis  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1119 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Davis:

I write on behalf of the National Association of Wholesaler-Distributors (NAW) in support of H.R. 10, *Regulations From the Executive in Need of Scrutiny Act of 2011* (the “REINS Act”).

NAW, the “national voice of wholesale distribution,” is a Washington, DC-based trade association comprised of direct member companies and a federation of national, regional, state and local line-of-trade associations which together include approximately 40,000 enterprises with 150,000 places of business in the United States. NAW-affiliated companies are job creators in every Congressional District in the country, with aggregate sales of \$4.2 trillion and total employment of 5.5 million. For information on wholesale distribution’s contribution to the economy of Kentucky’s Fourth Congressional District, please go to: <http://www.naw.org/institute/impact.php>

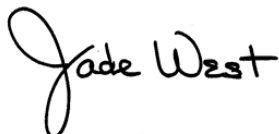
Wholesaler-distributors understand in a variety of contexts that the “devil is in the details” and that in the context of complying with Federal laws the “details” are frequently found not in the legislative actions of Congress but in the regulatory actions of Executive Branch agencies. Consequently, NAW members believe it is the responsibility of the Congress in carrying out its legislative function to adequately guide the Executive Branch in meeting the latter’s regulatory responsibilities, and to insure that the will and purposes of our elected Federal legislators are being appropriately fulfilled through vigilant oversight of the regulatory actions of unelected bureaucrats serving in Executive Branch agencies. We believe that Congress has too often fallen short on both ends of this equation at the expense of the health and growth of our economy and jobs for American workers. Regrettably, there is little in our experience under existing law to suggest that this will change.

The REINS Act is a long overdue response to this challenge, most significantly requiring Congress to confirm that its legislative purposes are being appropriately carried out by taking affirmative action on “major rules” if such rules are to take effect. NAW members wholeheartedly agree with the observation found in Section 2 of the bill which states, “By requiring a vote in Congress, the REINS Act will result in more carefully drafted and detailed legislation, an improved regulatory process, and a legislative branch that is truly accountable to the American people for the law imposed upon them.”

As you know, hearings on the REINS Act have been held in the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Courts, Commercial and Administrative Law. It is now time for the Judiciary Committee to mark up H.R. 10 and for the legislative process to advance on this important issue. On behalf of NAW and its membership, I urge the enactment of the REINS Act.

Thank you for your consideration of NAW’s views.

Sincerely,



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