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The Honorable Geoff Davis United States House of Representatives 1108 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Davis:

On behalf of the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce and the nearly 2,000 businesses it represents in the region, I would like to thank you for championing H.R. 10, the REINS Act, and offer the Chamber's support to you in your efforts to pass this legislation.

Since our nation's economic downturn began the Chamber's top priority has been to work with its members, public officials and other community leaders to find ways to attack Northern Kentucky's unemployment rate, which currently hovers around 9 percent. The public and private sectors need to work collaboratively to create an environment that gives existing businesses and entrepreneurs the flexibility to grow the economy without unnecessary burdens from federal regulators.

The federal government issued over 3,300 new rules and regulations in 2009, 78 of which can have a compliance cost to the economy over \$100 million. The Chamber believes the REINS Act is an important tool that should be used to curb rule-making permission and require Congressional approval for all new rules and regulations with a compliance cost over \$100 million.

As Congress considers new energy legislation and regulations are being written for health reform, it is imperative that federal regulators have the proper oversight so that any new rules and regulations do not negatively affect Northern Kentucky's job creators from being able to jump-start our economy.

Thank you for your work on the REINS Act and all you do for the region.

Sincerely,

Steve Stevens, CCF

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Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce

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