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The Honorable Donald Trump
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President-Elect Trump:

Once again, congratulations on your historic victory earlier this month. Your election is a testament that the American people are fed up with bureaucrats in Washington D.C. interfering in their lives and are ready for fresh leadership and ideas. I greatly appreciate the way you and your team have worked with me so far and I look forward to our continued relationship.

During his time in office, rather than working to find consensus, President Obama chose to govern by executive orders, executive memoranda, and rulemaking and regulations to achieve his policy agenda. Acting unilaterally, the current administration has added more regulations with more far reaching effect than any other administration in history. To fully understand the impact of these regulations, one must only look at the numbers. In 2015 federal regulations cost a staggering \$1.885 trillion in hidden taxes on American consumers. This cost far outpaces what the IRS collects yearly and averages nearly \$15,000 per household each year.

The people of southeast and southcentral Missouri are struggling under the weight of regulations created at the direction of President Obama. Farmers and ranchers, small business owners and employees alike, are crushed by the weight of government overreach. Knowing your desire to see the American people truly prosper again, upon taking office, I urge you to delay the effective date of regulations published by the previous administration that have yet to take effect while you instruct your Cabinet, Appointees, Designees, Administrators, and Directors to take all appropriate steps to expediently repeal the following agency rules and regulations:

- Standards of Performance for Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Existing Sources: Electric Utility Generating Units (80 FR 64661)
- Standards of Performance for Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Modified Sources: Electric Utility Generating Units (80 FR 64509)
- Clean Water Rule: Definition of “Waters of the United States” (80 FR 37053)
- Revised New Source Performance Standards (NSPS) for New Residential Wood Heaters (80 FR 13671)

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- Applicability of Deferred Action on Childhood Arrivals (DACA) as highlighted in the memoranda, “Policies for the Apprehension, Detention and Removal of Undocumented Immigrants” issued November 20, 2014, by the *Secretary of Homeland Security*
- Defining and Delimiting the Exemptions for Executive, Administrative, Professional, Outside Sales and Computer Employees (80 FR 38515)
- Applicability of the “Dear Colleague Letter on Transgender Students” issued by the U.S. Department of Justice *Civil Rights Division* and U.S. Department of Education *Office for Civil Rights*.
- Medicare Program; Part B Drug Payment Model (CMS-1670-P) (81 FR 13229)
- All rules stemming from the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PL 111-148)
- Implementation of the NICS Improvement Amendments Act of 2007 (NIAA) (81 FR 27059)
- Veterinary Feed Directive (80 FR 31707)
- Estate, Gift, and Generation-Skipping Transfer Taxes; Restrictions on Liquidation of an Interest; Correction (81 FR 68378)
- Applicability of the ITAR Registration Requirement to Firearms Manufacturers and Gunsmiths (Issued by Department of State DDTC)
- Payday, Vehicle, Title and Certain High-Cost Installment Loans (CFPB-2016-0025)

Until these far reaching directives and regulations are repealed, and the cottage industry of bureaucratic overreach that has sprung up around them over these past years has been dismantled, you cannot truly reform Washington D.C. as you desire and bring relief to the people of this country.

I look forward to continuing to partner with you and your administration in the coming years to ease the regulatory burden placed on the American people. Thank you for your time and dedication to this effort. As you prepare to take office, please let me know if I can be of any service to you.

Sincerely,



Jason Smith
Member of Congress