



A1P: RESTORING REGULATORY ACCOUNTABILITY

Only Congress Can Make Laws – Whether It Likes it or Not

- The Constitution gives Congress exclusive power to write federal law. This way, when policy mistakes are made, the American people know whom to hold accountable.
- This hard work and accountability are inconvenient to Congress, so it has spent decades delegating its legislative power to the Executive Branch. Today the vast majority of federal “laws” are not passed by Congress at all, but imposed unilaterally by unelected bureaucrats.
- This has led to bad policy, and also a breakdown in public accountability *for* and public trust *in* the government.
- A1P is committed to making Congress live up to its responsibility – doing its job and accepting the accountability the Founders intended.

A1P Reforms will Bring Regulations under Congressional Control

- A1P will offer wholesale reforms to the regulatory process. Congress should have to approve the total regulatory burden Executive agencies seek to impose every year. And new major regulations should require an authorizing vote in the House and Senate.
- A1P will propose comprehensive reforms of regulatory procedure law to put agencies’ enforcement and adjudication under tighter congressional control and public accountability.
- A1P will offer reforms to modernize the federal civil service. It’s Congress’s job to make sure public servants serve the public interest.

A1P’s Reforms Will End Executive Overreach and Reform Discretion

- Under Supreme Court rulings, the Executive Branch can interpret – even rewrite – federal laws any way it wants, so long as it has a decent reason. Then the agencies act as police, prosecutors, and even judges in the ensuing cases against American citizens.
- A1P reforms will end regulatory abuses by restricting Executive discretion both of congressional statutes and agency rules.

“It’s Congress’s job to make sure federal regulations work for the American people, not the other way around.”

