

Congress of the United States  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Committee on Small Business  
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Washington, DC 20515-6515

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The Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr.  
President of the United States  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

The House Committee on Small Business has long been concerned with the growing amount of federal regulations and the burden they place on the smallest of firms. Regulatory red tape stymies growth, stifles innovation, and restrains entrepreneurship. The past four years have seen a significant rollback of unnecessary and overly burdensome regulations that have allowed small businesses to focus on what they do best: create jobs, grow the economy, and serve their customers. Regrettably, the first two months of your Administration has seen a regression to the failed policies of the Obama Administration.

We write to urge you to swiftly nominate a bipartisan Chief Counsel for Advocacy. As you may know, the U.S. Small Business Administration's Office of Advocacy is the independent voice for small business within the federal government. The Office is the watchdog of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (RFA),<sup>1</sup> a statute that requires small entities to be considered in the rulemaking process. Advocacy is the independent voice of small businesses before the Legislative Branch, the Executive Branch, and the Judicial Branch of the federal government.

Small businesses need certainty to manage risk and stay afloat. When devising their regulatory plans, it is important that federal agencies consider how small businesses are affected. Regulations focused solely on the overall impacts to the economy without considering how those impacts are distributed could disadvantage different groups such as small businesses. Agencies will need to be vigilant that regulatory changes do not impose costs on small businesses, create barriers to startups, or interfere with small businesses' ability to compete in the marketplace.

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<sup>1</sup> 5 U.S.C. §§ 601-612.

The Chief Counsel for Advocacy is the government's prime watchdog to ensure that regulations are designed and written to consider the needs of our small businesses, which create more jobs than any sector of our economy. We urge you to fill this critical role soon, with an individual who understands how all of America's small businesses operate, grow, and succeed.

Sincerely,



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