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The Honorable Dan Coats
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Coats:

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the world's largest business federation representing the interests of more than three million businesses of all sizes, sectors, and regions, as well as state and local chambers and industry associations, and dedicated to promoting, protecting, and defending America's free enterprise system, applauds the introduction of the "Require Evaluation before Implementing Executive Wishlists (REVIEW) Act of 2015." This legislation would address situations where industries are forced to expend major capital to comply with a massive new regulation, only to see the regulation later thrown out by a court, leaving companies with a costly, useless expense.

For the biggest, most burdensome regulations issued each year, agencies should bear the risk that these rules will be struck down by a court—particularly when these agencies have been warned repeatedly by stakeholders that they failed to comply with key procedural requirements like the Information Quality Act, the Regulatory Flexibility Act, the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act, and numerous Executive Orders designed to improve informed agency decisions.

Businesses should not be forced to gamble that when they commit their resources to comply with a new multi-billion dollar rule, the rule will not subsequently be struck down and their resources totally wasted. The bill would apply only to the one to three rules issued each year that are anticipated to cost one billion dollars or more per year.

The bill would prevent agencies from forcing businesses to needlessly spend resources meeting costly requirements that are subsequently thrown out by the courts. The Chamber applauds your introduction of the REVIEW Act of 2015 and looks forward to working with you as the bill moves forward.

Sincerely,



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