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## **The Greater Yakima Chamber of Commerce Voices Support for Quick Consideration of Regulatory Reform Legislation in 115<sup>th</sup> Congress**

*380 Entities Weigh in With Speaker Paul Ryan*

**WASHINGTON, D.C.**—In a letter sent to Speaker of the House Paul Ryan yesterday, associations and chambers of commerce from across the country urged Ryan to make consideration of the “Regulatory Accountability Act” an early priority for the 115th Congress.

The letter secured 380 association signatories from 47 states and the District of Columbia representing a multitude of sectors including agriculture, energy, transportation, and manufacturing.

The groups write in the letter to Speaker Ryan, “We believe that federal regulations should be narrowly tailored, supported by strong and credible data and evidence, and impose the least burden possible, while still implementing Congressional intent.” They go on to explain, “The Regulatory Accountability Act builds on established principles of fair regulatory process and review that have been embodied in bipartisan executive orders dating to at least the Clinton administration”.

The “Regulatory Accountability Act” would improve the transparency of regulations by requiring agencies to invest more effort earlier in the rulemaking process to gather data, evaluate alternatives, and receive public input about the costs and benefits of its rules.

*Every regulation imposes a new cost in time and resources on employers. Government has a responsibility to ensure that there is a strong factual case justifying the need for new regulations, and that the purposes are accomplished with as little burden on business as possible.*

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