



August 25, 2015

The Honorable Chris Collins
1117 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Collins:

On behalf of the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB), the nation's leading small business advocacy organization, I am writing in support of H.R. 3328, *the Small Business Regulatory Sunset Act*. This legislation would put into place strong protections to fix the broken regulatory review process and would provide small businesses relief from burdensome regulations.

Excessive and complex regulatory burdens continue to be a hardship for many small business owners across America. In NFIB's most recent *Small Business Economic Trends Survey*, "government requirements and red tape" ranked as the second-most frequent answer when NFIB members were asked to identify the single most important problem facing their small business. More than one in five respondents cited regulation as the biggest problem.

The Small Business Regulatory Sunset Act would offer critical help by reforming section 610 of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (RFA) to require a more effective process in order to periodically review regulations that significantly impact small businesses. H.R. 3328 would also give small businesses a greater voice in the rulemaking process by expanding the scope of factors an agency must consider when reviewing a regulation in section 610 of the RFA. These new factors include reporting compliance costs, a regulation's impact on small businesses, and its impact on small business job creation. Further, if an agency fails to properly review regulations, it faces a one percent cut in discretionary funds used for salaries. This penalty restores lost accountability to the regulatory review process.

The Small Business Regulatory Sunset Act is an important piece of legislation that would provide much need regulatory reform and remove several burdensome regulations from small businesses. We look forward to working with you to enact this important legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amanda Austin". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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