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The Honorable Rick Scott United States Senate 716 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Scott:

On behalf of NFIB, the nation's leading small business advocacy organization, I write in support of the *Unnecessary Agency Regulations Reduction Act of 2021*.

This legislation would create a process to eliminate outdated, duplicative, or burdensome agency regulations. Specifically, it requires the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA) to submit a list of regulations to consolidate or repeal on an annual basis. This list would be included in the President's Unified Regulatory Agenda and transmitted to the relevant congressional committees to review. A final list of recommendations would then be introduced as a joint resolution, eligible for expedited floor consideration.

According to NFIB's *Small Business Problems and Priorities* survey, unreasonable government regulation continues to be one of the top concerns of small businesses.<sup>1</sup> Simply put, small business owners do not have the resources—like departments dedicated to managing regulatory compliance—or the flexibility to meet the demands of burdensome regulations. The continued growth of the regulatory burden facing the business community has hurt small business competitiveness. Congress should take steps to roll back unnecessary, duplicative, and burdensome regulations that hamper economic growth.

NFIB supports the *Unnecessary Agency Regulations Reduction Act of 2021* and appreciates your continued leadership on regulatory reform.

Sincerely,

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Holly Wade & Andrew Heritage, *Small Business Problems & Priorities*, NFIB Research Center, August 2020, <u>https://assets.nfib.com/nfibcom/NFIB-Problems-and-Priorities-2020.pdf</u>.