February 6, 2017

The Honorable Mitch McConnell Majority Leader United States Senate Washington, DC 20510 The Honorable Charles Schumer Democratic Leader United States Senate Washington, DC 20510

Dear Majority Leader McConnell and Democratic Leader Schumer:

The undersigned 616 groups from each of the 50 states strongly urge you to consider and pass the Regulatory Accountability Act of 2017 (RAA), to be introduced by Senator Portman. The RAA recently passed the House with a bipartisan vote of 238-183, and now we urge you to do the same. We believe that federal regulations should be narrowly tailored, supported by strong and credible data and evidence, and impose the least burden possible, while implementing congressional intent.

Now is the time for Congress to reclaim its constitutional legislative authority by ensuring agencies implement congressional intent, not the intent of the agency. With both the new presidential administration and the U.S. House of Representatives agreeing on the urgent need for regulatory reform, the Senate is presented with a once-in-a-generation opportunity to pass much-needed modernization of the Administrative Procedure Act (APA), whose rulemaking provisions have remained virtually unchanged since it was enacted in 1946.

The Senate has a unique chance to bring real structural reform to the way agencies adopt the most costly rules that fundamentally change our nation.

The RAA 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 RAA stands for good governance and getting rules right by bringing transparency, accountability, and integrity to the rulemaking process at federal agencies. With the passage of RAA, Congress would be restoring the checks granted to it by the Constitution over a federal regulatory bureaucracy that is opaque, unaccountable, and at times overreaching in its exercise of authority.

The undersigned groups agree that it is time for a change and strongly support the Regulatory Accountability Act. We urge the members of the Senate to join their House colleagues, who have already passed this critical legislation, by giving it high priority for consideration as soon as possible. We look forward to working with you to enact this important legislation.

Sincerely,

National Organizations

60 Plus Association

Aeronautical Repair Station Association

Aerospace Industries Association

Agricultural Retailers Association

Air Conditioning Contractors of America

Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers

Aluminum Association

American Agri-Women

American Architectural Manufacturers Association

American Bakers Association

American Beverage Association

American Coke and Coal Chemicals Institute

American Composites Manufacturers Association

American Concrete Pressure Pipe Association

American Council of Engineering Companies

American Exploration & Mining Association

American Farm Bureau Federation

American Feed Industry Association

American Financial Services Association

American Forest & Paper Association

American Foundry Society

American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers

American Highway Users Alliance

American Loggers Council

American Public Gas Association

American Public Power Association

American Rental Association

American Road & Transportation Builders Association (ARTBA)

American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association

American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers

American Subcontractors Association, Inc.

American Sugarbeet Growers Association

American Supply Association

American Trucking Associations'

American Wood Council (AWC)

AMT-The Association For Manufacturing Technology

Asphalt Roofing Manufacturers Association

Associated Builders and Contractors

Associated Equipment Distributors

Associated General Contractors of America

Associated Wire Rope Fabricators

Association of American Railroads

Association of Energy Service Companies

Association of Equipment Manufacturers

Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers

Association of the Wall and Ceiling Industry

Auto Care Association

Automotive Recyclers Association

Automotive Service Association

Brick Industry Association

Cellulose Insulation Manufacturers Association

Construction Industry Round Table

Consumer Energy Alliance

Convenience Distribution Association

Corn Refiners Association

Council of Industrial Boiler Owners

CTIA®

Electronic Components Industry Association

Electronic Security Association (ESA)

Energy Equipment and Infrastructure Alliance

Equipment Dealers Association

Farm Equipment Manufacturers Association

Financial Services Roundtable

Flexible Packaging Association

Food Marketing Institute

Forest Resources Association

Forging Industry Association

GASDA, Inc.

Global Cold Chain Alliance

GPA Midstream Association

Grocery Manufacturers Association

Hearth, Patio & Barbecue Association

Heating, Air-conditioning & Refrigeration Distributors International (HARDI)

Home Furnishings Association

INDA, Association of the Nonwoven Fabrics Industry

Independent Bakers Association

Independent Electrical Contractors

Independent Lubricant Manufacturers Association

Independent Petroleum Association of America

Industrial Energy Consumers of America

Industrial Fasteners Institute

Industrial Minerals Association - North America

Institute of Makers of Explosives

International Association of Drilling Contractors

International Council of Shopping Centers

International Dairy Foods Association

International Foodservice Distributors Association

International Franchise Association

International Sign Association

International Wood Products Association

IPC-Association Connecting Electronics Industries

Kitchen Cabinet Manufacturers Association

Land Improvement Contractors of America

Leading Builders of America

Mason Contractors Association of America

Mechanical Contractors Association of America (MCAA)

Metal Powder Industries Federation

Metals Service Center Institute

Motor & Equipment Manufacturers Association

NAMA - National Automatic Merchandising Association

National Agricultural Aviation Association

National Apartment Association

National Asphalt Pavement Association

National Association of Chemical Distributors

National Association of Convenience Stores

National Association of Electrical Distributors

National Association of Federal Credit Unions

National Association of Home Builders

National Association of Manufacturers

National Association of Neighborhoods

National Association of REALTORS®

National Association of Wholesaler-Distributors

National Automobile Dealers Association

National Black Chamber of Commerce

National Cattlemen's Beef Association

National Club Association

National Confectioners Association

National Corn Growers Association

National Cotton Council

National Council of Agricultural Employers (NCAE)

National Council of Chain Restaurants

National Council of Farmer Cooperatives

National Council of Textile Organizations

National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA)

National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA)

National Federation of Independent Business

National Grain and Feed Association

National Grocers Association

National Industrial Sand Association

National Lumber and Building Material Dealers Association

National Mining Association

National Multifamily Housing Council

National Newspaper Association

National Pork Producers Council

National Potato Council

National Precast Concrete Association

National Private Truck Council

National Propane Gas Association

National Railroad Construction & Maintenance Association (NRCMA)

National Ready Mixed Concrete Association

National Renderers Association

National Roofing Contractors Association

National Rural Electric Cooperative Association

National Small Business Association (NSBA)

National Stone Sand and Gravel Association (NSSGA)

National Tooling and Machining Association

National Utility Contractors Association

National Wood Flooring Association

National Wooden Pallet and Container Association (NWPCA)

Non-Ferrous Founders' Society

North American Die Casting Association

North American Meat Institute

North American Millers' Association

NPES The Association for Suppliers of Printing, Publishing and Converting Technologies

NTEA - The Association for the Work Truck Industry

Outdoor Power Equipment Institute (OPEI)

Petroleum Marketers Association of America (PMAA)

Plastics Industry Association

Precision Machined Products Association

Precision Metalforming Association

Printing Industries of America

Property Casualty Insurers Association of America

Retail Industry Leaders Association

Secondary Materials and Recycled Textiles Assoc. (SMART)

Service Station Dealers of America and Allied Trades (SSDA-AT)

Shipbuilders Council of America

Small Business & Entrepreneurship Council

SNAC International

Society of American Florists

Spray Polyurethane Foam Alliance

STI/SPFA (Steel Tank Institute/Steel Plate Fabricators Association)

Technical Association of the Pulp & Paper Industry (TAPPI)

Textile Rental Services Association of America

The Fertilizer Institute

The Vinyl Institute

Tile Roofing Institute

Tire Industry Association (TIA)

Treated Wood Council

Truck Renting and Leasing Association

U.S. Apple Association

U.S. Chamber of Commerce

U.S. Freedom Foundation

U.S. Oil & Gas Association

United Fresh Produce Association

Window and Door Manufacturers Association

Wine & Spirits Wholesalers of America Women's Mining Coalition World Floor Covering Association

<u>Alabama</u>

Alabama Forestry Association
Alabama Grocers Association
Birmingham Business Alliance
Business Council of Alabama
Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce
Montgomery Area Chamber of Commerce
Prattville Area Chamber of Commerce
Shoals Chamber of Commerce
South Baldwin Chamber of Commerce
Wetumpka Area Chamber of Commerce

Alaska

Alaska Chamber Associated General Contractors of Alaska

Arizona

Ambos Nogales Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
Arizona Chamber of Commerce and Industry
Arizona Chapter, Associated General Contractors of America
Arizona Manufacturers Council
Arizona Mining Association

Buckeye Valley Chamber of Commerce

Chandler Chamber of Commerce

Douglas Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

Gilbert Chamber of Commerce

Greater Flagstaff Chamber

Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce

Mesa Chamber of Commerce

Sierra Vista Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

Surprise Regional Chamber of Commerce

Tempe Chamber of Commerce

Tucson Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

Tucson Metro Chamber

Yuma County Chamber of Commerce

Arkansas

Agricultural Council of Arkansas Arkansas State Chamber of Commerce/ Associated Industries of Arkansas Greater Bentonville Area Chamber of Commerce Greater Hot Springs Chamber of Commerce

California

Associated Builders and Contractors - San Diego

Associated California Loggers

Borrego Springs Chamber of Commerce & Visitors' Bureau

Brea Chamber of Commerce

California Association of Boutique & Breakfast Inns

California Chamber of Commerce

California Construction and Industrial Materials Association

California Hotel & Lodging Association

California Independent Oil Marketers Association

California Specialty Crops Council

Camarillo Chamber of Commerce

Carlsbad Chamber of Commerce

Cerritos Regional Chamber of Commerce

Chambers of Commerce Alliance of Ventura & Santa Barbara Counties

Far West Equipment Dealers Association

Greater Bakersfield Chamber of Commerce

Greater Coachella Valley Chamber of Commerce

Greater Conejo Valley Chamber of Commerce

Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce

Hueneme Chamber of Commerce

Irvine Chamber of Commerce

Long Beach Area Chamber of Commerce

Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce

Montclair Chamber of Commerce

Murrieta Chamber of Commerce

North Orange County Chamber

North San Diego Business Chamber

Oceanside Chamber of Commerce

Ojai Valley Chamber of Commerce

Orange County Business Council

Oxnard Chamber of Commerce

Pasadena Chamber of Commerce

Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors Association of California

Redondo Beach Chamber of Commerce

Sacramento Metro Chamber

San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce

San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership

San José Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce

South Bay Association of Chambers of Commerce

Southwest California Legislative Council

Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce

Vacaville Chamber of Commerce

Vista Chamber of Commerce

West Coast Lumber & Building Material Association

Colorado

Associated Builders & Contractors, Rocky Mountain Chapter

Associated General Contractors of Colorado

Colorado Association of Commerce & Industry (CACI)

Colorado Association of Mechanical and Plumbing Contractors

Colorado Business Roundtable

Colorado Competitive Council

Colorado Roofing Association

Colorado Springs Chamber and Economic Development Corporation

Colorado Timber Industry Association

Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce

Glenwood Springs Chamber Resort Association

Grand Junction Area Chamber of Commerce

Western Energy Alliance

Connecticut

Bridgeport Regional Business Council

Delaware

Central Delaware Chamber of Commerce

Delaware State Farm Bureau

Florida

Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce

Daytona Regional Chamber of Commerce

Florida Assisted Living Association

Florida Chamber of Commerce

Florida Trucking Association

JAX Chamber

Manatee Chamber of Commerce

Orlando, Inc., the Orlando Regional Chamber of Commerce

Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce

Georgia

Barrow County Chamber of Commerce

Eatonton-Putnam Chamber of Commerce, Eatonton

Georgia Chamber

Georgia Mining Association

Georgia Motor Trucking Association

Georgia Railroad Association

Newnan-Coweta Chamber

Robins Regional Chamber

Southeastern Lumber Manufacturers Association

Hawaii

Hawaii Cattlemen's Council

Idaho

Associated Logging Contractors – Idaho Boise Metro Chamber of Commerce Caldwell Chamber of Commerce Coeur d'Alene Chamber of Commerce Idaho Association of Commerce & Industry

Illinois

Associated Builders & Contractors, Illinois Chapter Bolingbrook Area Chamber of Commerce

Chamber630

Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chamber of Commerce

Grain and Feed Association of Illinois

Greater Oak Brook Chamber of Commerce

Illinois Association of Convenience Stores

Illinois Black Chamber of Commerce

Illinois Chamber of Commerce

Illinois Chapter, Inc. American Concrete Pavement Association

Illinois Coal Association

Illinois Fertilizer and Chemical Association

Illinois Oil & Gas Association

Illinois Petroleum Marketers Association

Joliet Region Chamber of Commerce & Industry

Macomb Area Chamber of Commerce

McLean County Chamber of Commerce

Naperville Area Chamber of Commerce

The Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce

Western DuPage Chamber of Commerce

Indiana

Asphalt Pavement Association of Indiana, Inc.

Avon Chamber of Commerce

Greater Elkhart Chamber of Commerce

Indiana Builders Association

Indiana Cast Metals Association (INCMA)

Indiana Chamber of Commerce

Indiana Coal Council

Indiana State Poultry Association

Southwest Indiana Chamber

Iowa

Ames Chamber of Commerce Cedar Rapids Metro Economic Alliance Cedar Valley Manufacturing Network, Waterloo Dubuque Area Chamber of Commerce

Greater Burlington Partnership

Greater Cedar Valley Alliance & Chamber, Waterloo Greater Des Moines Partnership Greater Franklin County Chamber of Commerce Iowa Association of Business and Industry Marshalltown Area Chamber of Commerce Mason City Chamber of Commerce

Kansas

Kansas Livestock Association

Kentucky

Commerce Lexington, Inc.
Kentucky Chamber of Commerce
Kentucky Forest Industries Association
Kentucky Trucking Association
Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce

Louisiana

Jefferson Chamber of Commerce
LA Oil Marketers & Convenience Store Association
Louisiana Association of Business and Industry
Louisiana Landowners Association
Monroe Chamber of Commerce
Pelican Chapter, Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc.
West Baton Rouge Chamber of Commerce

Maine

Maine Innkeepers Association
Maine State Chamber of Commerce

Maryland

Garrett County Chamber of Commerce, Inc.
Hagerstown-Washington County Chamber of Commerce
Maryland Chamber of Commerce
Maryland Retailers Association
Printing and Graphics Association Mid Atlantic (PGAMA)
Talbot County Chamber of Commerce

Massachusetts

Associated Builders and Contractors, Massachusetts Chapter Associated Industries of Massachusetts Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce Fall River Area Chamber of Commerce & Industry Massachusetts Aggregate and Asphalt Producers Association Metro South Chamber of Commerce New England Fuel Institute North Shore Chamber of Commerce Printing Industries of New England South Shore Chamber of Commerce

Michigan

AGC Michigan

Associated Builders & Contractors, Greater Michigan Chapter

Home Builders Association of Michigan

Michigan Chamber of Commerce

Michigan Oil & Gas Association

Muskegon Lakeshore Chamber of Commerce

Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce

Minnesota

Aggregate & Ready Mix Association of Minnesota

Fargo Moorhead West Fargo Chamber of Commerce

Marshall Area Chamber of Commerce

Minnesota Chamber of Commerce

Minnesota Grocers Association

Rochester Area Chamber of Commerce

St. Cloud Area Chamber of Commerce

TwinWest Chamber of Commerce

Winona Chamber of Commerce, Winona

<u>Mississippi</u>

Olive Branch Chamber of Commerce

Missouri

Cape Girardeau Area Chamber of Commerce

Columbia Chamber of Commerce

Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce

Mid-America Lumbermens Association

Missouri Cattlemen's Association

Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Missouri Corn Growers Association

Missouri Dairy Association

Missouri Forest Products Association

Missouri Pest Management Association

O'Fallon Chamber of Commerce & Industries, O'Fallon

St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce

St. Louis Regional Chamber

Western Equipment Dealers Association

Montana

Association of Montana Aerial Applicators

Billings Chamber of Commerce

Kalispell Chamber of Commerce Montana Chamber of Commerce Montana Coal Council Montana Logging Association

Nebraska

AGC Nebraska Chapter
Hastings Area Chamber of Commerce
Lincoln Chamber of Commerce
Nebraska Cattlemen Association
Nebraska Chamber of Commerce & Industry
Nebraska Pork Producers Association
Norfolk Area Chamber of Commerce

Nevada

Carson Valley Chamber of Commerce Las Vegas Metro Chamber of Commerce Nevada Manufacturers Association Nevada Mining Association The Chamber of Reno, Sparks, and Northern Nevada White Pine Chamber of Commerce

New Hampshire

Business and Industry Association of New Hampshire

New Jersey

African American Chamber of Commerce of NJ
Chamber of Commerce Southern New Jersey
Greater Toms River Chamber of Commerce
New Jersey Gasoline, C-Store, Automotive Association
New Jersey Motor Truck Association
New Jersey State Chamber of Commerce

New Mexico

Artesia Chamber of Commerce
Livestock Market Digest Newspaper
New Mexico Association of Commerce and Industry
New Mexico Cattle Growers' Association
New Mexico Stockman Magazine
New Mexico Wool Growers, Inc
Silver City - Grant County Chamber of Commerce, Silver City, New Mexico

New York

Associated General Contractors of New York State Buffalo Niagara Partnership Business Council of New York State Capital Region Chamber

Eastern Contractors Association, Inc.

Food Industry Alliance of New York, Inc.

Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce

Hudson Valley Gateway Chamber of Commerce

Independent Oil and Gas Association of New York

North Country Chamber of Commerce

Northeast Equipment Dealers Association

Northeastern Retail Lumber Association

NYS Agribusiness Association

North Carolina

Cabarrus Regional Chamber of Commerce

Carolinas Food Industry Council

Charlotte Chamber of Commerce

Haywood Chamber of Commerce

North Carolina Chamber

North Carolina Manufacturers Alliance

North Carolina Pork Council

North Carolina Retail Merchants Association

Railway Association of North Carolina

Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce

Wilkes Chamber of Commerce

North Dakota

Bismarck-Mandan Chamber of Commerce

Fargo Moorhead West Fargo Chamber of Commerce

Greater North Dakota Chamber

Jamestown Area Chamber of Commerce, Jamestown

The Chamber Grand Forks/ East Grand Forks

Ohio

Cuyahoga Valley Chamber of Commerce

Darke County Chamber of Commerce

Gallia County Chamber of Commerce

Kentucky-Indiana Automotive Wholesalers, Dublin, OH

Lima Allen Chamber of Commerce

Little Miami River Chamber Alliance

Ohio Aggregates & Industrial Minerals Association

Ohio AgriBusiness Association

Ohio Cast Metals Association

Ohio Equipment Distributors Association

Ohio Forestry Association, Inc.

Ohio Grocers Association

Ohio Hotel & Lodging Association

Salem Area Chamber of Commerce, Salem

Toledo Regional Chamber of Commerce United Equipment Dealers Association Westerville Area Chamber of Commerce Wyandot County Chamber of Commerce Youngstown Warren Regional Chamber

Oklahoma

Ardmore Chamber of Commerce Bartlesville Regional Chamber of Commerce Edmond Area Chamber of Commerce Greater Oklahoma City Chamber State Chamber of Oklahoma Tulsa Regional Chamber

Oregon

Associated Oregon Loggers, Inc. Beaverton Area Chamber of Commerce La Pine Chamber of Commerce Lincoln City Chamber of Commerce Monmouth-Independence Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Center Oregon Dairy Farmers Association Roseburg Area Chamber of Commerce The Chamber of Medford/Jackson County

Pennsylvania

Chester County Chamber of Business & Industry Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce Greater Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce Greater Reading Chamber of Commerce & Industry Hanover Area Chamber of Commerce Harrisburg Regional Chamber & CREDC Lehigh Valley Builders Association

Maritime Exchange for the Delaware River and Bay National Utility Contractors Association of Pennsylvania

PA Food Merchants Association

PA Manufactured Housing Association

Pennsylvania Builders Association

Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry

Pennsylvania Forest Products Association

Schuylkill Chamber of Commerce

Somerset County Chamber of Commerce

Westmoreland County Chamber of Commerce

York County Economic Alliance (YCEA)

Pennsylvania Aggregates & Concrete Association, Harrisburg

Pennsylvania Cattlemen's Inc.

Rhode Island

Greater Cranston Chamber of Commerce Northern Rhode Island Chamber of Commerce

South Carolina

Anderson Area Chamber of Commerce

Berkeley Chamber of Commerce

Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce

Fountain Inn Chamber of Commerce

Greater Hartsville Chamber of Commerce

Greater Lexington Chamber of Commerce

Greater Summerville / Dorchester County Chamber of Commerce

Greater York Chamber of Commerce

Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce

North Myrtle Beach Chamber of Commerce

SC Timber Producers Association

SC Trucking Association

South Carolina Chamber of Commerce

South Carolina Retail Association

South Dakota

Black Hills Forest Resource Association

Intermountain Forest Association

Rapid City Area Chamber of Commerce

Sioux Falls Area Chamber of Commerce

Tennessee

Associated Builders and Contractors, Greater Tennessee Chapter

Jackson Chamber

Kingsport Chamber

Tennessee Chamber of Commerce & Industry

The Chamber of Commerce serving Johnson City/Jonesborough/Washington County

Texas

Associated Builders & Contractors of Greater Houston

Conroe/Lake Conroe Chamber of Commerce

Frisco Chamber of Commerce

Greater Orange Area Chamber of Commerce

Houston Northwest Chamber of Commerce

Irving-Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce

Lake Houston Area Chamber of Commerce

Longview Chamber of Commerce

Lubbock Chamber of Commerce

McAllen Chamber of Commerce

North San Antonio Chamber of Commerce

Pearland Chamber of Commerce

South Padre Island Chamber of Commerce Temple Chamber of Commerce Texas Association of Business Texas Forestry Association Texas Logging Council Texas Wildlife Association

Utah

Cedar City Chamber of Commerce Salt Lake Chamber Utah Mining Association Utah Valley Chamber

Vermont

Vermont Vehicle & Automotive Distributors Association

Virginia

Amherst County Chamber of Commerce
Danville Pittsylvania County Chamber of Commerce
Dulles Regional Chamber
Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce
Hampton Roads Chamber
Loudoun County Chamber of Commerce
Lynchburg Regional Business Alliance
Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce
Roanoke Regional Chamber
Virginia Chamber of Commerce
Virginia Coal & Energy Alliance

Washington

Association of Washington Business
Economic Alliance Snohomish County
Ferndale Chamber of Commerce
Greater Spokane Valley Chamber of Commerce
Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce
Greater Yakima Chamber of Commerce
Kittitas County Chamber of Commerce
Pasco Chamber of Commerce
Puyallup Sumner Chamber of Commerce
Tri-City Regional Chamber of Commerce
Washington Contract Loggers Association

West Virginia

Salem Area Chamber of Commerce West Virginia Chamber of Commerce West Virginia Forestry Association West Virginia Manufacturers Association West Virginia Oil Marketers and Grocers Association

Wisconsin

Beaver Dam Chamber of Commerce
Eau Claire Area Chamber of Commerce
Forward Janesville, Inc.
Fox Cities Chamber of Commerce
Great Lakes Timber Professionals Association
Metropolitan Milwaukee Association of Commerce
Midwest Food Products Association
Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce
Wausau Region Chamber of Commerce
Wisconsin Grocers Association
Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce
Wisconsin Ready Mixed Concrete Association
Wisconsin Small Businesses United
Wisconsin Transportation Builders Association
Greater Green Bay Chamber

Wyoming

Petroleum Association of Wyoming Wyoming Mining Association Wyoming Stock Growers Association Greater Cheyenne Chamber of Commerce

cc: Members of the United States Senate