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U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representatives,

The National Association of Manufacturers (NAM), the largest manufacturing association in the United States representing manufacturers in every industrial sector and in all 50 states, urges you to support H.R. 185, the Regulatory Accountability Act, introduced by Rep. Bob Goodlatte (R-VA).

While the benefits of appropriate regulations are clear, the challenge is creating an efficient regulatory system that does not unreasonably impede innovation and job creation. Regulations should be narrowly tailored and supported by strong and credible data, while imposing the least burden possible on our nation's job creators.

Key provisions of H.R. 185 would enhance the regulatory process by increasing public participation in shaping rules before they are proposed, preventing agency abuses of interim final rules, requiring agencies to use the least costly option in most circumstances and providing for appropriate review of the rationality of agency decisions.

We believe the principles set forth in the Regulatory Accountability Act would create a more transparent and objective process, while holding agencies more accountable. We urge your support.

The NAM's Key Vote Advisory Committee has indicated that votes on H.R. 185, including procedural votes, may be considered for designation as Key Manufacturing Votes in the 114th Congress. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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Key Manufacturing Vote