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U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Representative,

You will soon consider a number of resolutions that will disapprove rules offered within the last six months of the Obama Administration, pursuant to the Congressional Review Act. On behalf of the more than one million members and supporters of the Council for Citizens Against Government Waste (CCAGW), I urge you to support the following resolutions:

Rep. Bill Johnson's (R-Ohio) resolution to disapprove the Department of the Interior's (DOI) Stream Protection rule. The rule rewrites more than 400 regulations, while threatening one-third of the nation's coal mining workforce. The rule would also override preferable existing regulations at both the state and federal level.

Rep. Bill Huizenga's (R-Mich.) resolution to disapprove the Securities and Exchange Commission's (SEC) rule, "Disclosure of Payments by Resource Extraction Issuers." The SEC, whose mission is to maintain efficient markets, estimates compliance of the rule could reach \$591 million annually. The rule also fails to protect investors and prevents capital formation.

Rep. Sam Johnson's (R-Texas) resolution to disapprove a rule promulgated by the Social Security Administration relating to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS). This rule misinterprets the NICS Improvements Amendment Act, and it allows disability or Supplemental Security Income beneficiaries to be deemed "mental defectives" in NICS without any due process as required by law.

Rep Virginia Foxx's (R-N.C.) resolution to disapprove the so-called "blacklisting" rule promulgated by the Department of Defense, General Services Administration, and National Aeronautics and Space Administration. This rule requires employers bidding on federal contracts to disclose both violations and alleged violations of state and federal labor laws for every contract bid, and to update that information every six months during the contract. This rule unnecessarily drives up the cost of projects, violates due process, and puts small business at a disadvantage.

Rep. Rob Bishop's (R-Utah) resolution to disapprove the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Venting and Flaring rule. This rule is an example of agency overreach, as BLM lacks the statutory authority to regulate air quality. Further, the rule fails to address BLM's real problem: a backlog of permits for the pipelines, in turn forcing the methane companies to vent and flare gases wastefully.

It is critical that Congress removes as many of the "midnight regulations" as possible forced on taxpayers by the previous administration. All votes on these resolutions will be among those considered for CCAGW's *2017 Congressional Ratings*.

Sincerely,

Tom Schatz