



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

August 16, 2010

The Honorable Barack Obama
President of the United States
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President,

During our recent meeting at the White House, I expressed Republicans' concern about the ongoing uncertainty American small businesses are facing as a result of what many believe has been a near-constant stream of new federal rules and requirements on private sector job creators. I conveyed our belief, supported by many economists, that such uncertainty is contributing significantly to the ongoing difficulty our economy is experiencing with respect to the creation of new private sector jobs.

It has recently come to our attention that the Administration's published regulatory agenda includes a total of 191 planned rulemakings, each with an estimated annual cost to our economy of \$100 million or more, and that a number of these planned rulemakings may each have an annual economic cost in excess of \$1 billion. During a recent job forum conducted through our America Speaking Out initiative, the uncertainty resulting from such rulemakings was cited by private sector job creators as one of the primary impediments to job creation currently facing small businesses.

On July 23, Reps. Geoff Davis (R-KY) and Trent Franks (R-AZ) sent a letter to the Office of Information & Regulatory Affairs (OIRA) requesting that the Administration provide a list of all pending rulemakings with a projected cost to our economy in excess of \$1 billion. The hope at the time the request was made was that your Administration would furnish such a list by July 27, when a congressional hearing on related matters took place.

While the Administration was unable to meet the aforementioned timeline, the information that was requested by Reps. Davis and Franks is still of great relevance to the American people and to Members of Congress as we look for ways to help small businesses get back to creating jobs. As a co-sponsor of pro-jobs legislation by Rep. Davis that would require congressional approval for all such rulemakings, I am writing to support the request made by Reps. Davis and Franks and to respectfully request that this information be provided to Congress by your Administration at the earliest opportunity.

Thank you for your attention to this request, and for the dialogue we continue to have on ideas to support private sector job creation in the United States.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John".

John Boehner