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SUPPORT H.R. 10 / S. 299 THE REINS ACT

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National Association of Electrical Distributors (NAED) members are very concerned that federal agencies' aggressive regulatory agenda threatens our ability to grow our businesses and create jobs. The Regulations From the Executive in Need of Scrutiny Act of 2011 or "REINS" Act provides badly needed Congressional oversight of burdensome federal regulations by subjecting costly new "major" regulations to approval by Congress.

NAED agrees with the bill's language that, "Over time, Congress has excessively delegated its constitutional charge while failing to conduct appropriate oversight and retain accountability for the content of the laws it passes.

"By requiring a vote in Congress, this Act will result in more carefully drafted and detailed legislation, an improved regulatory process, and a legislative branch that is truly accountable to the people of the United States for the laws imposed upon them."

Critics warn that the bill would cause the regulatory apparatus to grind to a halt. NAED believes this a dramatic overstatement and that slowing the blistering pace of regulation shackling our economy would be a positive development for our business climate.

NAED encourages Congress to support the REINS Act as a means of restoring badly needed oversight on the pace of regulation in the U.S.

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