

The Honorable Todd Young
U.S. House of Representatives
1007 Longworth House Office Building
Washington DC, 20515

Dear Representative Young,

The National Utility Contractor Association (NUCA) writes to thank you for introducing the Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny (REINS) Act (H.R. 367). This legislation would put accountability and transparency back into a regulatory process that has been encroaching on business for decades by requiring Congressional approval prior to the implementation of major rules and regulation with an assessed economic impact over \$100 million.

Since 1964 NUCA has been representing the interests of the American construction industry. Today our members face major challenges created by countless federal, state and local regulations. Though some regulations are reasonable, many of them are unnecessary, overly burdensome, and do not address the root of the problem the regulation aims to fix. Complying with regulatory requirements have become a major burden for our member companies increasing the cost of projects, and sometimes obstructing their implementation. Further, these regulations have been made without the engagement and accountability our elected lawmakers.

Currently, there are over 4,000 new regulations at various stages of implementation of which 224 are considered 'economically significant' as defined in the REINS Act. Requiring explicit Congressional approval of these major rules is not a silver bullet to completely address the massive red-tape problem, but is an excellent first step.

Again, thank you for introducing H.R. 367. It is important that Congress exercises its statutory authority by examining the merit of any major rulemaking. Please let NUCA Government Relations Manager Will Brown know if there is anything we can do to advance this cause in Congress.

Sincerely,



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