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Dear Fellow Business Owner,

You have often heard me say that we are a nation at risk. With businesses struggling to stay open and unemployment reaching 9%, our country is at a crossroads: we can either continue down this path of fiscal instability or we can take swift, decisive action to transform our economy into an environment that encourages businesses to grow, hire, and ultimately succeed. Given the options before us, the only way we ensure a strong country for our children and grandchildren is to strengthen our job-creating environment – and I need your help.

Based on my own experience as a business owner and entrepreneur for over 25 years, I believe we can create this environment by removing a major hurdle to businesses: burdensome federal regulations. According to the Small Business Administration (SBA), compliance with the 157,000+ pages of federal regulations currently costs the economy \$1.75 trillion per year - an amount equal to 14 percent of U.S. national income. That is money that could be spent hiring employees, funding new research and development initiatives, purchasing land or equipment, and other investments.

Policymakers in Washington, DC need to have a better understanding about what regulatory barriers are standing in the way of job creation. However, the valuable insight from job creators and business owners has been shut-out of the policy process. Washington is run primarily by individuals who have no idea what it takes to start a business, create a job, and meet payroll each week. This is where you come in.

I am asking you – as a business owner in Virginia's Second Congressional District who must comply daily with the regulatory state – to send me the top federal regulations that negatively impact your business and stifle job creation. Please email my office explaining these regulations at [RigellRegulationFeedback@mail.house.gov](mailto:RigellRegulationFeedback@mail.house.gov). By doing this, you will be sharing what I call the “wisdom of the district” and helping to develop job creating solutions for our nation.

In closing, please know that I consider it a high honor to serve and represent you, your business, and your employees in Congress.

Yours in Freedom,



Scott Rigell  
Member of Congress