

**Statement of
Chairman Scott Tipton
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Lifting the Weight of Regulations: Growing Jobs by Reducing Regulatory Burdens**

Thank you Chairman Graves and Ranking Member Velázquez for convening today's hearing. I would like to join my colleagues in welcoming our panelists as we continue to examine how reducing regulatory burdens

Regulation costs the American people 1.75 trillion dollars annually. And just last year, the Obama Administration unleashed 46 new regulations that will place an additional 26.5 billion drain on the economy. To be clear, not all regulation is unwarranted. Common sense rules play an important role in our economy and in keeping the American people safe. However, common sense has been lost in a regulatory process that has become politicized and wrought with bureaucracy and overlap.

Most of the time I am of the opinion that small businesses are better served by government getting out of the way and providing certainty. When it comes to government regulations on small businesses, this is usually my mentality. As a small business owner, I know firsthand the negative impacts that unnecessary regulations and excessive government involvement can have on entrepreneurs who are already stretching limited budgets.

Economic recovery starts with cutting spending, addressing overregulation, and removing hurdles for small business. As Chairman of the House Small Business Committee Subcommittee on Agriculture, Energy and Trade, I plan to take action. The fact that federal regulation targets small business more than any other sector is not acceptable. It's time we change the way that regulation is enacted and increase Congressional oversight in the regulatory process so that we can act to eliminate overlapping and contradictory regulation, and know the full economic impact of a new regulation before it is passed.

I applaud the premise behind the Regulatory Flexibility Act and the fact that in many instances it has lead to highlighting excessive regulations and the costs they impose on small businesses. In the future I would like to see greater consideration of these factors by implementing agencies. In instances where the RFA has demonstrated a significant impact on small businesses as a result of a particular regulation, I would recommend greater adherence to not adopting these regulations or at minimum adopting regulatory alternatives.

Again, Chairman Graves, thank you for holding today's hearing. I do have a few subsequent questions at this time.