



Overview

Small businesses are often overly burdened by regulatory mandates that appear to have little benefit in ensuring safe and healthy workplaces and sites.

Regulatory reform efforts are most often thwarted by claims from the labor and environmental communities that "scaling back" regulations will result in harming the health and safety of the nation by gutting programs and protections.

In reality, efforts to reform government regulations are designed to ensure that public and private resources are spent more effectively and efficiently while also working to achieve a cleaner, safer and healthier environment. Below are some responsible reforms that will help block further unnecessary government intrusion and an area that needs active opposition.

The Free Enterprise Alliance Supports

- Comprehensive regulatory reform, including across-the-board requirements for agencies to evaluate the risks, weigh the costs, and assess the benefits of regulations.
- Conducting an accurate assessment of the costs and benefits of proposed regulations on the public and to be held accountable through congressional scrutiny. This will better allocate limited resources and target efforts toward achieving the nation's environmental, health, and safety goals.
- Regulations that should be reviewed periodically to ensure that they are not outdated, unnecessary, or too costly. It is common sense that American citizens should not be forced to live by burdensome or inappropriate rules that are not justified for current times.
- Full funding of the U.S. Small Business Administration's Office of Advocacy to advance the goals listed above.

The Free Enterprise Alliance Opposes

- Unnecessary, burdensome and costly regulations resulting from the efforts of Washington bureaucrats who have little accountability for their actions. Enforcement of our nation's goals works best when it is performed at the local level and provides necessary flexibility.