May 21, 2024

To the Members of the United States House of Representatives:

The undersigned chambers of commerce strongly support H.R. 7198, the Prove It Act of 2024, and urge the House to consider this important legislation.

This bipartisan bill was introduced by Representatives Brad Finstad, Nathaniel Moran, and Yadira Caraveo and is co-sponsored by Representatives Mike Gallagher, Harriett Hageman, Maria Salazar, David Valadao, and Carol Miller. H.R. 7198 was reported by the Judiciary Committee in March and would be a major step forward for small businesses that are harmed by excessive federal regulations.

American small business owners are job creators and innovators. While their contributions to their communities and to the American economy are enormous, they bear an unreasonably heavy burden when it comes to regulatory costs. The annual cost of complying with federal regulations has risen by $465 billion since 2012 and now totals over $3 trillion (12% of U.S. GDP). The per employee cost of $12,800 for small businesses is 20% greater than the cost per employee at their larger competitors.

The Regulatory Flexibility Act - passed 44-years ago - was intended to correct the lopsided burden on small business and require that regulators tailor rules to meet government objectives while minimizing the burden on small businesses. Unfortunately, federal agencies too often exploit loopholes in the law to hide costs imposed on Main Street businesses and to ignore their feedback.

The Prove It Act of 2024 would close those loopholes and bring more transparency to the true costs of red tape on America's innovators, job creators, and community builders. The bill would also prevent agencies from ignoring small business input in their rush to finalize new federal regulations.

We urge expeditious House consideration of H.R. 7198, the Prove It Act.

Sincerely,

Alabama
Chandler Chamber of Commerce
Coastal Alabama Business Chamber
Enterprise Chamber of Commerce
Mobile Chamber
Prattville Area Chamber of Commerce
SouthWest Mobile County Chamber of Commerce

Alaska
Alaska Chamber
Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce
The Greater Juneau Chamber of Commerce

Arizona
Arizona Chamber of Commerce and Industry
Buckeye Valley Chamber of Commerce
Carefree Cave Creek Chamber of Commerce
Greater Flagstaff Chamber of Commerce
Greater Phoenix Chamber
Mesa Chamber of Commerce
Nogales Santa Cruz County Chamber of Commerce
Northwest Valley Chamber of Commerce
Peoria Chamber of Commerce
Prescott Valley Chamber of Commerce
Queen Creek Chamber of Commerce
Scottsdale Area Chamber of Commerce
Southwest Valley Chamber
Springerville-Eagar Regional Chamber of Commerce
Tucson Metro Chamber
West Valley Chamber of Commerce Alliance
Wickenburg Chamber of Commerce
Yuma County Chamber of Commerce

Arkansas
AR State Chamber/AIA
Holiday Island Chamber of Commerce
Little Rock Regional Chamber
Rogers-Lowell Chamber of Commerce

California
Anaheim Chamber of Commerce
Brea Chamber of Commerce
California Chamber of Commerce
Carlsbad Chamber of Commerce
Chatsworth Porter Ranch Chamber of Commerce
Chino Valley Chamber of Commerce
Colusa County Chamber of Commerce
Greater Bakersfield Chamber
Greater Coachella Valley Chamber of Commerce
Greater Conejo Valley Chamber of Commerce
Greater Grass Valley Chamber of Commerce
Greater Irvine Chamber of Commerce
La Mesa Chamber of Commerce
Laguna Hills Chamber of Commerce
Lodi District Chamber of Commerce
Murrieta/Wildomar Chamber of Commerce
Newport Beach Chamber of Commerce
North San Diego Business Chamber
Oceanside Chamber of Commerce
Palm Desert Area Chamber of Commerce
Palos Verdes Peninsula Chamber of Commerce
Rancho Cordova Area Chamber of Commerce
San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce
San Juan Capistrano Chamber of Commerce
Santa Barbara South Coast Chamber of Commerce
Santee Chamber of Commerce
South Bay Association of Chambers of Commerce
Tracy Chamber of Commerce
West Ventura County Business Alliance
Yorba Linda Chamber of Commerce

Colorado
Vail Valley Partnership

Florida
Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce
Daytona Regional Chamber of Commerce
Lakeland Chamber of Commerce
St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce Visitor Information Center
The Greater Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce
Venice Area Chamber of Commerce

Georgia
Barrow County Chamber of Commerce, Inc.
Cobb County Chamber of Commerce
Fayette County Chamber of Commerce
Habersham County Chamber of Commerce
Jackson County Area Chamber of Commerce
Murray County Chamber of Commerce
Newton Chamber of Commerce

Hawaii
Chamber of Commerce Hawaii
Kapolei Chamber of Commerce
Kauai Filipino Chamber of Commerce

Idaho
Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce

Illinois
Chamber630
Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chamber of Commerce
GLMV Chamber of Commerce
Illinois Chamber of Commerce
Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce
Quad Cities Chamber of Commerce
RiverBend Growth Association
Sauk Valley Area Chamber of Commerce
The Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce
Western DuPage Chamber of Commerce

Indiana
Greater Lawrence Chamber of Commerce
Indiana Chamber of Commerce
South Bend Regional Chamber of Commerce
Wayne County Area Chamber of Commerce

Iowa
Cedar Rapids Metro Economic Alliance
Dubuque Area Chamber of Commerce
Iowa Association of Business and Industry

Kansas
Goddard Chamber of Commerce
Greater Topeka Chamber
Parsons Chamber of Commerce

Kentucky
Greater Louisville, Inc.
Paducah Area Chamber of Commerce

Louisiana
Central Louisiana Regional Chamber of Commerce
Greenwood Chamber of Commerce
St. Tammany Chamber of Commerce
West Baton Rouge Chamber of Commerce

Maine
Boothbay Harbor Region Chamber of Commerce

Maryland
Maryland Chamber of Commerce
Salisbury Area Chamber of Commerce
Talbot County Chamber of Commerce
Washington County Chamber of Commerce

Massachusetts
Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce
Metro South Chamber of Commerce
Peabody Area Chamber of Commerce
United Regional Chamber of Commerce

Michigan
Barry County Chamber and Economic Development Alliance
Cadillac Area Chamber of Commerce
Detroit Regional Chamber
Grand Rapids Chamber
Hartland Area Chamber of Commerce
Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce
Michigan Chamber of Commerce
Michigan West Coast Chamber of Commerce
North Oakland Regional Chambers Association
Southwest Michigan Regional Chamber of Commerce
Three Rivers Area Chamber of Commerce

Minnesota
Albert Lea-Freeborn County Chamber of Commerce
Austin Area Chamber of Commerce
Brainerd Lakes Chamber of Commerce
Cannon Falls Area Chamber of Commerce
Eden Prairie Chamber of Commerce
FORWARD Worthington
Glenwood Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce
Greater Mankato Growth
Greater Stillwater Chamber of Commerce
I-94 West Chamber of Commerce
Lonsdale Area Chamber of Commerce

Marshall Area Chamber of Commerce
Minnesota Chamber of Commerce
Princeton Area Chamber of Commerce & Tourism
Rochester Area Chamber of Commerce
Shakopee Area Chamber of Commerce
SouthWest Metro Chamber of Commerce
St. Cloud Area Chamber of Commerce
Tracy Area Chamber
Willmar Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce
Windom Area Chamber of Commerce
Winona Area Chamber of Commerce

Mississippi
Hancock County Chamber of Commerce

Montana
Billings Chamber of Commerce
Glasgow Area Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture, Inc.
Missoula Area Chamber of Commerce
Montana Chamber of Commerce

Nebraska
Grand Island Area Chamber of Commerce
Kearney Area Chamber of Commerce
Nebraska Chamber of Commerce
North Platte Area Chamber & Development Corporation
Washington County Chamber of Commerce

Nevada
Carson City Chamber of Commerce
Henderson Chamber of Commerce
Reno + Sparks Chamber of Commerce
Vegas Chamber
White Pine Chamber of Commerce

New Hampshire
Business & Industry Association New Hampshire

New Jersey
New Jersey State Chamber of Commerce
The African American Chamber of Commerce of New Jersey

New York
Capital Region Chamber of Commerce
North Country Chamber of Commerce
Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce
The Business Council of NYS, Inc.

North Carolina
Alamance Chamber of Commerce
Charlotte Regional Business Alliance
Greater Mount Airy Chamber of Commerce
Mint Hill Chamber of Commerce
Moore County Chamber of commerce
NC Chamber
The Caldwell Chamber

North Dakota
Greater North Dakota Chamber
The Chamber Grand Forks - East Grand Forks
Williston Area Chamber of Commerce

Ohio
Chillicothe Ross Chamber of Commerce
Huber Heights Chamber of Commerce
Ohio Chamber of Commerce
Toledo Regional Chamber of Commerce
Troy Area Chamber of Commerce
Zanesville-Muskingum County Chamber of Commerce

Oklahoma
State Chamber of Oklahoma
Tulsa Regional Chamber of Commerce

Oregon
Albany Area Chamber of Commerce
Bend Chamber of Commerce
Canby Area Chamber of Commerce
Gresham Area Chamber of Commerce
Lake County Chamber of Commerce
Oregon Business & Industry
Oregon State Chamber of Commerce
Roseburg Area Chamber of Commerce
Salem Area Chamber of Commerce
The Dalles Area Chamber of Commerce
Washington County Chamber of Commerce

Pennsylvania
Alle Kiski Strong Chamber
Blair County Chamber of Commerce

Chamber of Business and Industry of Centre County
Columbia Montour Chamber of Commerce
Greater Latrobe-Laurel Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce
Hanover Area Chamber of Commerce
Harrisburg Regional Chamber & CREDC
Huntingdon County Chamber of Commerce
Indian Valley Chamber of Commerce
Lancaster Chamber of Commerce and Industry
Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry
Schuylkill Chamber of Commerce
Somerset County Chamber of Commerce
Southern Chester County Chamber of Commerce
TriCounty Area Chamber of Commerce
Venango Area Chamber of Commerce
Williamsport/Lycoming Chamber of Commerce
York County Economic Alliance

Rhode Island
Greater Newport Chamber of Commerce

South Carolina
Anderson Area Chamber of Commerce
Berkeley Chamber of Commerce
Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce
Greater Hartsville Chamber of Commerce
Hilton Head Island - Bluffton Chamber of Commerce
South Carolina Chamber of Commerce

South Dakota
South Dakota Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Tennessee
Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce
Tennessee Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Texas
Cedar Park Chamber of Commerce
Cuero Chamber of Commerce, Agriculture & Visitors Center
Denison Area Chamber of Commerce
Gainesville Area Chamber of Commerce
Greater Waco Chamber
Kaufman Chamber of Commerce
Kilgore Area Chamber of Commerce
Longview TX Chamber of Commerce
Metrocrest Chamber of Commerce
Nacogdoches County Chamber of Commerce
North Texas Commission
Rowlett Chamber of Commerce
Texas Association of Business
United Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce

Utah
Cedar City Chamber of Commerce
ChamberWest Chamber of Commerce
Davis Chamber of Commerce
Salt Lake Chamber
South Valley Chamber of Commerce
Utah Pacific Islander Chamber

Virginia
Central Fairfax Chamber of Commerce
Hampton Roads Chamber
Loudoun County Chamber of Commerce
Virginia Chamber of Commerce

Washington
Burlington Chamber of Commerce
Covington Chamber of Commerce
Economic Alliance Snohomish County
Greater Lake Stevens Chamber of Commerce
Mercer Island Chamber of Commerce
Thurston County Chamber of Commerce

Wisconsin
Beaver Dam Area Chamber of Commerce
Heart of Wisconsin Chamber of Commerce
Rice Lake Area Chamber of Commerce
Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce

Wyoming
Campbell County Chamber of Commerce
Greater Cheyenne Chamber of Commerce
Jackson Hole Chamber of Commerce
Lander Chamber of Commerce

Rock Springs Chamber of Commerce
Wyoming State Chamber of Commerce