

September 9, 2024

The Honorable Roger Williams
House Committee on Small Business
2361 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Williams,

On behalf of the St. George Area Chamber of Commerce and our over 800 member businesses, I am writing to express our strong support for the Enhanced Regulatory Flexibility Assessment Act, H.R. 9032. This legislation would make key improvements to the Regulatory Flexibility Act to protect small businesses from undue regulatory burdens.

As a Chamber representing a diverse array of small enterprises, we know firsthand the disproportionate impact that federal regulations can have on our local business community. The costs and compliance requirements of new rules fall hardest on the shoulders of small businesses, who may lack the resources and time to effectively comply.

The Enhanced Regulatory Flexibility Assessment Act would help address this imbalance by requiring federal agencies to conduct far more rigorous and detailed analyses of how proposed regulations would affect small entities. Mandating quantifiable assessments of cumulative economic impacts, descriptions of disproportionate burdens, and evaluations of effects on small businesses' access to credit will provide our members a clearer picture of the real-world consequences of pending rules. This information is crucial for our small businesses to effectively plan, budget, and advocate for themselves. Additionally, the bill's provisions to enhance transparency, such as requiring agencies to publish full regulatory flexibility analyses online, will empower entrepreneurs to better understand the regulatory landscape and hold policymakers accountable. Small businesses deserve a seat at the table when major rules are being developed, and this legislation takes important steps to ensure their voices are heard.

The St. George Area Chamber of Commerce fully supports the Enhanced Regulatory Flexibility Assessment Act introduced by Rep. Celeste Maloy. This bill represents a common-sense approach to reducing regulatory barriers and protecting the entrepreneurial spirit that is the backbone of our economy. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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