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The Honorable James Lankford  
United States Senate  
316 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Lankford:

On behalf of NFIB, the nation's leading small business advocacy organization, I write in support of the *Pandemic Preparedness, Response, and Recovery Act*.

This legislation would create a review commission to help Congress identify regulations, in light of lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic, that should be modified, consolidated, harmonized, or repealed. Recommendations of the commission would then be acted upon by Congress in an expedited manner similar to the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) process.

According to NFIB's *Problems and Priorities Survey*, unreasonable government regulation continues to be one of the top concerns of small businesses.<sup>1</sup> Simply put, small business owners do not have the resources—like departments dedicated to managing regulatory compliance—or the flexibility to meet the demands of burdensome regulations. Given that hundreds of regulatory requirements have been waived or suspended by federal agencies in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, in many cases with universally recognized beneficial results, a large-scale regulatory review is warranted now more than ever. The regulatory relief and flexibility gained by this process would be beneficial to the small business recovery.

NFIB supports the *Pandemic Preparedness, Response, and Recovery Act* and appreciates your continued leadership on regulatory reform.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin Kuhlman". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Kevin Kuhlman  
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<sup>1</sup> Holly Wade & Andrew Heritage, *Small Business Problems & Priorities*, NFIB Research Center, August 2020, <https://assets.nfib.com/nfibcom/NFIB-Problems-and-Priorities-2020.pdf>.