

## RELIEF *from* EXCESSIVE REGULATION

PROVISIONS SIGNED INTO LAW: **H.R. 348** – (Rep. Marino) The *Responsibly and Professionally Invigorating Development (RAPID) Act* streamlines the federal permitting process so that new construction and energy projects are not tied up in years of regulatory red tape.

HOUSE PASSAGE: **H.R. 1155** – (Rep. J. Smith) The *Searching for and Cutting Regulations that are Unnecessarily Burdensome (SCRUB) Act* institutes an independent regulatory review commission to examine regulatory programs that could be repealed to reduce unnecessary regulatory burdens.

HOUSE PASSAGE: **H.R. 712** – (Rep. D. Collins) The *Sunshine for Regulatory Decrees and Settlements Act* prevents secret settlement deals between federal agencies and pro-regulatory plaintiffs that result in new federal regulations for everyone.

HOUSE PASSAGE: **H.R. 1759** – (Rep. Ratcliffe) The *All Economic Regulations are Transparent Act* requires bureaucrats to provide more timely detailed information and greater transparency regarding planned or proposed regulations and prevents new rules from taking effect if they fail to do so.

HOUSE PASSAGE: **H.R. 690** – (Rep. Luetkemeyer) The *Providing Accountability Through Transparency Act* requires any new proposed regulation to include a 100-word, plain-language summary of the rule online.

HOUSE PASSAGE: **H.R. 4768** – (Rep. Ratcliffe) The *Separation of Powers Restoration Act* restores the proper balance of power by requiring federal courts to once again carefully scrutinize agencies' interpretations and decisions regarding the statutes passed by Congress.

HOUSE PASSAGE: **H.R. 427** – (Rep. T. Young) The *Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny (REINS) Act* requires Congressional approval for any federal regulations that have an impact of \$100 million or more before they can go into effect.

HOUSE PASSAGE: **H.R. 185** – (Rep. Goodlatte) The *Regulatory Accountability Act* requires federal bureaucrats to adopt the least costly method of implementing a law.

HOUSE PASSAGE: **H.R. 527** – (Rep. Chabot) The *Small Business Improvements Act* requires federal agencies to better assess the impacts of their regulations on small business and to look for ways to reduce unnecessary burdens.

HOUSE PASSAGE: **H.R. 3438** – (Rep. Marino) The *Require Evaluation before Implementing Executive Wish lists Act* stops "high impact rules" from taking effect until all court challenges to the regulations in question are settled.

HOUSE PASSAGE: **H.R. 5982** – (Rep. Issa) The *Midnight Rules Relief Act* creates a rapid-response method for Congress to overturn an outgoing presidential administration's attempts to impose major regulations without the transparency and scrutiny expected in normal regulatory implementation.

HOUSE PASSAGE: **H.R. 2315** – (Rep. Bishop) The *Mobile Workforce State Income Tax Simplification Act* sets clear boundaries for states seeking to impose taxes on nonresidents who travel into the state to work.

COMMITTEE PASSAGE: **H.R. 1643** – (Rep. L. Smith) The *Digital Goods and Services Tax Fairness Act* prevents consumers from paying multiple taxes on the purchase of online goods.

COMMITTEE PASSAGE: **H.R. 2584** – (Rep. Chabot) The *Business Activity Tax Simplification Act* prohibits states and localities from imposing taxes on businesses who have limited activities in the state.

## A FAIR IMMIGRATION SYSTEM THAT WORKS *for* AMERICA

HOUSE PASSAGE: **H.R. 3009** – (Rep. Hunter) The *Enforce the Law for Sanctuary Cities Act* withholds federal grants from states or localities that refuse to comply with federal immigration laws.

COMMITTEE PASSAGE: **H.R. 1147** – (Rep. Smith) The *Legal Workforce Act* requires E-Verify nationwide and helps employers determine who is lawfully here and who can accept employment.

COMMITTEE PASSAGE: **H.R. 1153** – (Rep. Chaffetz) The *Asylum Reform and Border Protection Act* reverses many of the Obama Administration's policies that have contributed to the crisis on our southern border, such as weak standards for asylum claims that enable the Administration's rubberstamping of fraudulent applications and policies that prevent Border Patrol agents from accessing federal lands along the border.

COMMITTEE PASSAGE: **H.R. 1148** – (Rep. Gowdy) The *Michael Davis, Jr. and Danny Oliver in Honor of State and Local Law Enforcement Act* strengthens interior enforcement by allowing states to enforce our immigration laws.

COMMITTEE PASSAGE: **H.R. 1149** – (Rep. J. Carter) The *Protection of Children Act* ensures that unaccompanied alien minors who make the dangerous journey to the U.S. are safely returned home.

COMMITTEE PASSAGE: **H.R. 4731** – (Rep. Labrador) The *Refugee Program Integrity Restoration Act* reforms the refugee program by curbing fraud and strengthening public safety and national security.

COMMITTEE PASSAGE: **H.R. 5203** – (Rep. Forbes) The *Visa Integrity and Security Act* strengthens visa security, curbs fraud, and enhances the integrity of the immigration system.

COMMITTEE PASSAGE: **H.R. 3636** – (Rep. Walters) The *Oversee Visa Integrity and Stakeholder Advisories Act* makes an important improvement to the O visa program which will provide needed transparency while helping to combat fraud.

## PROMOTING FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

HOUSE PASSAGE: **H.R. 2947** – (Rep. Trott) The *Financial Institution Bankruptcy Act* strengthens our nation's bankruptcy laws to ensure that shareholders and creditors of a financial institution, not taxpayers, bear the risk and the losses associated with the failure of a financial institution.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Successfully included a provision in the House Rules tasking the Judiciary Committee with compiling all applications from State legislatures calling for a convention for proposing amendments to the U.S. Constitution.

## ENCOURAGING INNOVATION

SIGNED INTO LAW (P.L. 114-125): **H.R. 235** – (Rep. Goodlatte/Chabot) The *Permanent Internet Tax Freedom Act* permanently bans taxes on Internet access.

SIGNED INTO LAW (P.L. 114-153): **H.R. 3326** – (Rep. Collins) The *Defend Trade Secrets Act* creates a federal civil remedy for stealing trade secrets that will help American innovators protect their intellectual property from theft.

COMMITTEE PASSAGE: **H.R. 9** – (Rep. Goodlatte) The *Innovation Act* curbs patent litigation abuses.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Continued review of U.S. Copyright law.

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS *of the*



## House of Representatives Judiciary Committee

Chairman Bob Goodlatte

*In the 114th Congress, the Committee held 105 Committee hearings and passed 77 bills. The House passed 83 Committee bills.*

## AGGRESSIVE OVERSIGHT *of the* OBAMA ADMINISTRATION

COMMITTEE ACTION: Oversight hearings held on the Department of Justice (DOJ), Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Patent and Trademark Office (PTO), U.S. Copyright Office, and Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Created the Task Force on Executive Overreach to examine the breakdown of the separation of powers and checks and balances that has led to the unprecedented increase in presidential power.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Conducted thorough investigation of former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's use of a private email server to send and receive classified information.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Three hearings examining misconduct by the IRS Commissioner John Koskinen.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Oversight hearing on the federal courts.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Oversight hearing examining misconduct in federal law enforcement.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Oversight hearing on the Administration's proposal to transition oversight over the Internet's domain name system away from the U.S. and to an international corporation.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Letter sent to the ATF Director about the Administration's plan to ban a popular bullet used for sport shooting and home protection resulting in the Administration dropping the proposed ban.

COMMITTEE PASSAGE: **H.R. 5063** – (Rep. Goodlatte) The *Stop Settlement Slush Funds Act* blocks the Justice Department from forcing private companies to send money to the Administration's liberal pet projects.

## PROTECTING AMERICAN VALUES

PENDING PRESIDENT'S SIGNATURE: **H.R. 889** – (Rep. Chabot) The *Foreign Cultural Exchange Jurisdictional Immunity Clarification Act* allows U.S. museums and schools to borrow foreign government-owned artwork and cultural artifacts.

HOUSE PASSAGE: **H.R. 4676** – (Rep. Rooney) The *Preventing Crimes Against Veterans Act* protects veterans from financial predators who target them for their own financial gain.

HOUSE PASSAGE: **H.R. 7** – (Rep. C. Smith) The *No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act* provides that the federal government should not make taxpayers pay for abortions or insurance coverage that includes abortion.

HOUSE PASSAGE: **H.R. 36** – (Rep. Franks) The *Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act* bans abortions with limited exceptions in the U.S. after 20 weeks post fertilization.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Launched an investigation into allegations that Planned Parenthood abortion doctors altered abortion procedures in order to harvest the organs and body parts of aborted children for money.



## AN EFFICIENT *and* JUST LEGAL SYSTEM

SIGNED INTO LAW (P.L. 114-222): **H.R. 3815** – (Rep. P. King) The *Justice Against Sponsors of Terrorism Act* allows victims of terrorism to seek judicial redress against countries that aid and abet terrorist attacks on U.S. soil.

HOUSE PASSAGE: **H.R. 1927** – (Rep. Goodlatte) The *Fairness in Class Action Litigation Act* strengthens federal rules to help ensure actual victims receive just compensation.

HOUSE PASSAGE: **H.R. 526** – (Rep. Farenthold) The *Furthering Asbestos Claim Transparency (FACT) Act* brings transparency to asbestos litigation practices.

HOUSE PASSAGE: **H.R. 758** – (Rep. Smith) The *Lawsuit Abuse Reduction Act (LARA)* requires mandatory sanctions for attorneys who file frivolous lawsuits.

HOUSE PASSAGE: **H.R. 3624** – (Rep. Buck) The *Fraudulent Joinder Prevention Act* addresses litigation abuse by giving federal judges greater discretion to remove innocent local defendants from lawsuits.

COMMITTEE PASSAGE: **H.R. 3765** – (Rep. Poe) The *ADA Education and Reform Act* encourages greater access under the Americans with Disabilities Act by giving small business owners an opportunity to fix the problem before a lawsuit is filed.

COMMITTEE PASSAGE: **H.R. 1669** – (Rep. Stewart) The *Judgment Fund Transparency Act* provides greater transparency of the Judgment Fund which allows the American people to better understand how the government is using their funds and determine whether or not they are being used wisely.

## THE FREEDOM *to* PROSPER: PROTECTING AMERICANS' LIBERTIES

SIGNED INTO LAW (P.L. 114-109): **H.R. 2048** – (Rep. Sensenbrenner) The *USA FREEDOM Act* reforms our intelligence—gathering programs operated under FISA, including ending the bulk collection of Americans' data.

SIGNED INTO LAW (P.L. 114-126): **H.R. 1428** – (Rep. Sensenbrenner) The *Judicial Redress Act* strengthens partnerships with our allies by giving covered foreign citizens the ability to seek judicial redress in U.S. courts to ensure that their privacy is protected when they give similar rights to U.S. citizens.

HOUSE PASSAGE: **H.R. 699** – (Rep. Yoder) The *Email Privacy Act* makes necessary updates to current law to protect Americans' digital privacy and provide law enforcement with tools needed for its investigations.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Created a bipartisan policing strategies working group to examine police accountability, aggression towards law enforcement, and public safety concerns.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Committee launched a bipartisan initiative to reform a variety of criminal justice issues, including over-criminalization, sentencing reform, prison and reentry reform, protecting citizens through improved criminal procedures and policing strategies, and civil asset forfeiture reform. As part of the initiative the Committee passed the following bills in 114th Congress:

PENDING PRESIDENT'S SIGNATURE: **H.R. 4602** – (Rep. Poe) The *Justice for All Reauthorization Act* strengthens crime victims' rights and programs, reduces the rape kit backlog, and provides resources for forensic labs.

PENDING PRESIDENT'S SIGNATURE: **H.R. 1854** – (Rep. Collins) The *Comprehensive Justice and Mental Health Act* promotes public safety and community health by facilitating collaboration among criminal justice, juvenile justice, mental health treatment, and substance abuse systems.

COMMITTEE PASSAGE: **H.R. 3406** – (Rep. Sensenbrenner) The *Second Chance Reauthorization Act* helps prisoners who have completed their sentence to successfully return to society.

COMMITTEE PASSAGE: **H.R. 4002** – (Rep. Sensenbrenner) The *Criminal Code Improvement Act* creates a default mens rea standard which protects honest Americans and small businesses from facing legal repercussions for unintentional violations.

COMMITTEE PASSAGE: **H.R. 4003** – (Rep. Walters) The *Regulatory Reporting Act* helps to rein in federal regulatory overreach by requiring every federal agency to submit a report to Congress listing each rule that, if violated, may be punishable by criminal penalties.

COMMITTEE PASSAGE: **H.R. 4023** – (Rep. Chabot) The *Clean Up the Code Act* eliminates several statutes in the U.S. Code that subject violators to criminal penalties for trivial conduct.

COMMITTEE PASSAGE: **H.R. 4001** – (Rep. Buck) The *Fix the Footnotes Act* fixes the footnotes in the current version of the Criminal Code to address errors made by Congress in drafting the laws.

COMMITTEE PASSAGE: **H.R. 5283** – (Rep. Sensenbrenner) The *Due Process Act* strengthens protections for Americans' property through civil asset forfeiture reform.

COMMITTEE PASSAGE: **H.R. 759** – (Rep. Chaffetz) The *Corrections and Recidivism Reduction Act* reforms the federal prison system, strengthens public safety, enhances prison security, and provides inmates the help they need.

COMMITTEE PASSAGE: **H.R. 320** – (Rep. Sensenbrenner) The *Rapid DNA Act* updates current law to allow Rapid DNA analysis machines to be used at local police stations. This technology expedites DNA analysis for suspect identification purposes.

COMMITTEE PASSAGE: **H.R. 68** – (Rep. Jackson Lee) The *Juvenile Accountability Block Grant Reauthorization Act* reauthorizes a federal grant program targeted at reducing crime among youth.

COMMITTEE PASSAGE: **H.R. 3713** – (Rep. Goodlatte) The *Sentencing Reform Act* makes the criminal justice system more fair, efficient, and fiscally responsible while preventing serious violent criminals from being released early. Additionally, the legislation contains an important tool to fight the current heroin epidemic.

## SECURITY FOR CITIZENS *and* BUSINESSES

SIGNED INTO LAW (P.L. 114-155): **H.R. 228** – (Rep. LoBiondo) The *Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program Reauthorization* reauthorizes the bulletproof vest program for state and local law enforcement officers.

SIGNED INTO LAW (P.L. 114-133): **H.R. 472** – (Rep. McKinley) The *Eric Williams Correctional Officer Protection Act* allows trained Bureau of Prisons officers to use pepper spray to reduce acts of violence committed by prisoners.

SIGNED INTO LAW (P.L. 114-180): **H.R. 2137** – (Rep. Collins) The *Federal Law Enforcement Self Defense Protection Act* ensures that federal officers are able to defend and protect themselves on and off-duty.

SIGNED INTO LAW (P.L. 114-154): **H.R. 3380** – (Rep. Marino) The *Transnational Drug Trafficking Act* combats drug trafficking and the importation of chemicals used to make illicit drugs in the U.S.

SIGNED INTO LAW (P.L. 114-198): **H.R. 5046** – (Rep. Sensenbrenner) The *Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Reduction Act* combats the opioid epidemic by establishing a streamlined, comprehensive opioid abuse grant program, which includes training and resources for first responders and law enforcement, drug courts, and residential abuse treatment.

SIGNED INTO LAW (P.L. 114-198): **H.R. 4985** – (Rep. Katko) The *Kingpin Designation Improvement Act* protects classified information in court proceedings involving drug kingpins.

SIGNED INTO LAW (P.L. 114-198): **H.R. 5052** – (Rep. McCarthy) The *Opioid Program Evaluation Act* increases the transparency and accountability of the comprehensive opioid abuse grant program.

SIGNED INTO LAW (P.L. 114-198): **H.R. 5048** – (Rep. Guinta) The *Good Samaritan Assessment Act* requires GAO to study state and local Good Samaritan laws that protect caregivers, law enforcement personnel, and first responders from criminal or civil liability.

SIGNED INTO LAW (P.L. 114-199): **H.R. 4584** – (Rep. Carter) The *POLICE Act* allows law enforcement and medical personnel across the country to use federal grant funds to train for active shooter situations.

SIGNED INTO LAW (P.L. 114-236): **H.R. 5578** – (Rep. Walters) The *Survivors' Bill of Rights Act* provides protections and access to a legal process for survivors of sexual assault.

SIGNED INTO LAW: **H.R. 1269** (P.L. 114-12) – (Rep. Reichert) The *Rafael Ramos and Wenjian Liu National Blue Alert Act* tracks down those who attack law enforcement officers.

SIGNED INTO LAW (P.L. 144-22): **H.R. 181** – (Rep. Poe) The *Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act* boosts support and protection for domestic human trafficking victims by increasing and streamlining law enforcement resources, enhancing victims' services, and strengthening our laws to ensure that both buyers and sellers engaged in sex trafficking are held accountable for their crimes.

SIGNED INTO LAW (P.L. 144-22): **H.R. 159** – (Rep. Paulsen) The *Stop Exploitation Through Trafficking Act* provides incentives to states to adopt safe harbor laws that treat trafficked minors as victims, rather than as criminals or delinquents.

SIGNED INTO LAW (P.L. 144-22): **H.R. 285** – (Rep. Wagner) The *Stop Advertising Victims of Exploitation Act* criminalizes those who knowingly advertise or profit from advertisements that offer the commercial exploitation of minors and trafficking victims.

SIGNED INTO LAW (P.L. 144-22): **H.R. 350** – (Rep. Noem) The *Human Trafficking Prevention, Intervention, and Recovery Act* launches a review that will look into federal and state trafficking prevention activities in order to identify best practices to stop human trafficking.

PENDING PRESIDENT'S SIGNATURE: **H.R. 5067** – (Rep. Lewis) The *Emmett Till Unsolved Civil Rights Crimes Reauthorization Act* gives state and local law enforcement the tools they need to continue investigations of unsolved civil rights crimes.

HOUSE PASSAGE: **H.R. 4240** – (Rep. Jackson Lee) The *No Fly for Foreign Fighters Act* ensures the terrorist watch list is operating efficiently and effectively in light of evolving threats from ISIS.

HOUSE PASSAGE: **H.R. 3394** – (Rep. Posey) The *Clarifying Amendment to Provide Terrorism Victims Equity Act* allows the blocked assets of foreign terrorist drug dealers to be used to compensate victims of terrorist attacks that they perpetrated.

HOUSE PASSAGE: **H.R. 1656** (Rep. Goodlatte) The *Secret Service Improvements Act* reforms the U.S. Secret Service in order to restore it as an exceptional law enforcement agency.

COMMITTEE PASSAGE: **H.R. 3892** – (Rep. Diaz-Balart) calls on the Administration to recognize the Muslim Brotherhood as a terrorist organization.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Created a bipartisan encryption working group with the House Energy and Commerce Committee to examine the complicated legal and policy issues surrounding encryption.