

## RELIEF *from* EXCESSIVE REGULATION

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.

COMMITTEE PASSAGE: **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.

COMMITTEE 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(SCRUB) Act* institutes an independent regulatory review commission to examine regulatory programs that could be repealed to reduce unnecessary regulatory burdens.

COMMITTEE 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.

COMMITTEE 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.

COMMITTEE 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.

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.

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

## ENCOURAGING INNOVATION

HOUSE PASSAGE: **H.R. 235** – (Rep. Goodlatte/Chabot) The *Permanent Internet Tax Freedom Act* permanently bans taxes on Internet access.

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*

UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
**JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**  
CHAIRMAN BOB GOODLATTE

114TH CONGRESS, 1ST SESSION

## AGGRESSIVE OVERSIGHT *of the* OBAMA ADMINISTRATION

COMMITTEE ACTION: Oversight hearing on the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) with Secretary Jeh Johnson.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Oversight hearing on U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) with Director Sarah Saldana.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Oversight hearing on the U.S. Copyright Office with Register of Copyrights Maria Pallante.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Oversight hearing on the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Oversight hearing on the unconstitutionality of the President's executive overreach on immigration.

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: Oversight hearing on the FCC's net neutrality rule to regulate broadband Internet service.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Oversight hearing of the antitrust enforcement agencies.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Oversight hearing examining dangerous policies adopted by some state and local governments that refuse to honor the federal government's authority to enforce immigration laws.

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

COMMITTEE ACTION: Oversight hearing examining the Justice Department's controversial settlements with Bank of America and Citigroup and their required donations to activist groups.

HOUSE PASSAGE: **Amendment to H.R. 2578**, the *FY16 Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act*, which blocks the Justice Department from using settlement money to fund pet projects.

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.

## PROMOTING FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

COMMITTEE ACTION: Hearing to examine the merits of allowing Puerto Rico's municipalities access to chapter 9 of the Bankruptcy Code and austerity measures that Puerto Rico should consider.

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.

## AN EFFICIENT *and* JUST LEGAL SYSTEM

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

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

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

## 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 ACTION: Letter sent to Secretary Johnson regarding rampant fraud in the Special Immigrant Juvenile (SIJ) program.

## 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.

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.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Hearing held on First Amendment protections on public college and university campuses.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Hearing on ensuring the protection of religious liberty in the U.S.

## SECURITY FOR CITIZENS *and* BUSINESSES

SIGNED INTO LAW (P.L. 114-12): **H.R. 1269** – (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. 114-22): **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. 114-22): **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. 114-22): **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. 114-22): **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.

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.Con.Res.13** – (Rep. McKinley) calls on the Administration to designate the Taliban as a terrorist organization.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Hearing on domestic terrorism and the increasing threat posed by the Islamic State.

## PROTECTING AMERICAN VALUES

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. 4292** – (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. 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.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Letter sent to Attorney General Lynch demanding that DOJ investigate potential violations of the *Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act* by Planned Parenthood.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Led the reading of the U.S. Constitution on the House floor at the start of the 114th Congress.