



Construction Industry Round Table

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1/13/2015 – Congress Looks to Constrain Regulatory Initiatives

In the next week or so, the newly elected Congress will take the first step to bring some accountability to the federal agencies largely unconstrained regulatory onslaught. The House intends to take up a vote on an important initiative to restore some discipline into the regulatory-complex that has been expanding at an alarming rate – effecting the *lives, liberties, and livelihoods* of virtually every American. Action is planned for H.R. 185, the **Regulatory Reform Accountability Act of 2015**, which seeks to update the outdated rulemaking process to ensure federal agencies consider a regulation's impact on jobs and economic growth – by requiring the rulemaking proposal to strictly analyze the costs/benefits of yet another regulation.

NOTE: CIRT reported on the predecessor to this bill in its *2014 Activity Report*, stating at the time: “*Regulatory Accountability Act*”. This bill would update the Administrative Procedure Act of 1946 to deal with the realities of today's regulatory environment. It is designed to ensure greater transparency during rule development, allow greater public access to the data on which an agency relies, and make agencies consider lower-cost alternatives. This legislation is particularly necessary right now because of the recent growth in the number of billion- and multi-billion dollar rules, which create uncertainty, stifle hiring, and displace workers. Many more such mega rules will be finalized in the next few years.”

If you are interested in seeing this legislation pass, please contact your [Member of Congress](#) and urge them to support H.R. 185.