



SENATOR JOHN BARRASSO, M.D.
VICE CHAIRMAN

October 21, 2011

Red Tape Review

Regulations by the Numbers for 2011:

276 Days:	Since the President's Executive Order on Regulations
102 Days:	Since the President's Executive Order on Regulations for Independent Agencies
1 Rule:	Repealed this year – spilled milk not considered an oil spill
498 Rules:	Regulations deemed significant under Executive Order 12866
\$81.3B:	Cost of regulatory burdens from new rules for the year
65608 Pages:	Pages of regulations in the Federal Register so far this year
89 Million:	Hours of annual paperwork burden

This week, *the federal Medicare agency said its proposed move to eliminate a handful of regulations will save healthcare companies more than \$1 billion next year.* While the announcement marks a first step to cut red tape, it is overshadowed by the thousands of pages of regulations that have been issued because of Obamacare. *Since passage, the Affordable Care Act has imposed an estimated \$8.9 billion in private-sector burdens, approximately \$2.2 billion in costs to the states, and 29.1 million annual paperwork hours.*

Senate Republicans are fighting for common sense solutions to regulations such as *Sen. Collins' bipartisan "EPA Regulatory Relief Act," S. 1392*, which allows the EPA the time it has said it needs to adequately consider new Boiler MACT rules. The House version of S. 1392 passed last week by a bipartisan vote of 275-142.

POLITICO: Did Apple CEO Warn Obama?: "You're headed for a one-term presidency," Jobs told Obama in a meeting last year where he asserted that the White House needed to be more friendly toward business. *Jobs also told Obama that "regulations and unnecessary costs" put the United States at a competitive disadvantage with China*, where companies can build factories more cheaply. (October 21, 2011)

ATLANTA JOURNAL CONSTITUTION: Obama Offering Just More of the Same: The president... should back off on the torrent of new regulations already in the pipeline. *There's been a 60 percent increase in major federal regulations since 2005. Today, there are upward of 4,200 environmental, labor and other regulations pending at the federal level*, and that makes it hard for small businesses to plan ahead. It also discourages them from expanding and creating new jobs. (October 18, 2011)

WASHINGTON POST: To Create Jobs, Unwieldy Regulations need to be Tamed:

Americans of all ideological stripes, Democrat and Republican, recognize the growing regulatory burden. *They recognize how a flawed regulatory system is stifling job creation, holding back our economy, and undermining good governance. We can create jobs and go forward by going back to the most tried and true principal of our government—checks and balances.* (October 20, 2011)

ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH: An Uncertain Future for Power Plants:

The EPA's rush to force compliance risks tens of thousands of jobs nationwide in the utility, coal mining and transportation sectors. There is no question the cost of electricity will soar as low-cost power plants are shut down prematurely and the electricity they provide is displaced with higher-cost alternatives; this will result in every business and family facing higher costs. (October 20, 2011)

WALL STREET JOURNAL: Regulation: The Legal Economy's Best Friend?:

“Stricter regulation” will be the number one driver of increased litigation according to general counsels and other corporate law officials surveyed by Fulbright & Jaworski. In the report released Tuesday, *30% of respondents pointed to regulation for why they expect the number of legal disputes to increase*, topping the 26% who said “company growth” would cause lawsuits and 21% that pointed to the “poor economy.” (October 18, 2011)

CASPER STAR TRIBUNE: Wyoming Gov. Mead, GOP Governors Say EPA Rules Hurt

Job Creation: *The "fast pace of regulatory change" and increasingly stringent air quality rules, they stated, have created a financial strain on states and create uncertainty for utilities and industry.* The governors also said they were worried about draft internal guidance by the EPA and the Army Corps of Engineers that would expand federal jurisdiction to cover non-navigable waterways and wetlands. (October 19, 2011)

GOP Solutions to Red Tape

Shelby Introduces Financial Regulatory Responsibility Act (S. 1615)

Portman Introduces Bill to Reduce Onerous Red Tape on Job Creators (S. 1606)

Collins Calls for “Time Out” from Burdensome Federal Regulations (S. 1538)

Johanns Legislation Would Curb Federal Regulations on Job Creators (S. 1531, S. 1530, S. 1528)

Rubio, Cornyn, Hutchison Look to Shut Down Proposed IRS Reporting Rule (S. 1506)

Johnson Introduces Regulation Moratorium and Job Preservation Act (S. 1438)

Collins Introduces Bill to Give EPA Time to Implement Boiler MACT Rule (S. 1392)

Toomey Introduces Employment Protection Act (S. 1292)

[**Barrasso Introduces Employment Impact Act \(S. 1219\)**](#)

[**Portman Introduces Measure to Reduce Red Tape on Job Creators \(S. 1189\)**](#)

[**Inhofe Releases Senate Report Exposing the High Cost of EPA's Water Regulations**](#)

[**Rubio Calls on Senate to Act on Defunding Job-Destroying EPA Mandate \(S. Amdt. 435\)**](#)

[**Senators Introduce Keeping Politics Out of Federal Contracting Act \(S. 1100\)**](#)

[**Vitter Introduces Bill to Put "Moratorium" on Agencies Over-Regulating \(S. 927\)**](#)

[**Alexander, Graham, DeMint Introduce Job Protection Act \(S. 964\)**](#)

[**DeMint Pushes to Repeal Dodd-Frank Financial Takeover \(S. 712\)**](#)

[**Enzi Backs Constitutional Amendment to Give Power Back to the States \(S.J. Res. 12\)**](#)

[**Senate Republican Jobs Plan: An Outline for Creating American Jobs and Prosperity**](#)

[**Moran Introduces Bill to Reform Consumer Financial Protection Bureau \(S. 737\)**](#)

[**Inhofe, Johanns Introduce "Comprehensive Assessment of Regulations on the Economy \(CARE\) Act" \(S. 609\)**](#)

[**Collins Introduces "Clearing Unnecessary Regulatory Burdens \(CURB\) Act" \(S. 602\)**](#)

[**Snowe, Coburn Introduce the "Small Business Regulatory Freedom Act" \(S. 474\)**](#)

[**Roberts Introduces "Regulatory Responsibility for our Economy Act" \(S. 358\)**](#)

[**Paul Introduces REINS Act \(S. 299\)**](#)