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The Honorable Blaine Luetkemeyer  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2230 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Jared Golden  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1222 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representatives Luetkemeyer and Golden:

On behalf of NFIB, the nation's leading small business advocacy organization, I write in support of the *Providing Accountability Through Transparency Act* and the *Guidance Clarity Act*. The *Providing Accountability Through Transparency Act* would require government agencies to include a 100-word plain language summary for each proposed rule. These plain language summaries would be required to be made publicly available online. The *Guidance Clarity Act* would require federal agencies to include text in guidance documents clarifying that guidance does not have the force and effect of law.

Regulatory compliance and overreach are perennial concerns for NFIB members. According to NFIB's Small Business Problems and Priorities survey, "unreasonable government regulations" ranks as one of the top small business problems.<sup>1</sup> Simply put, small businesses lack compliance departments and attorneys to help them navigate federal regulations. Often, they struggle to understand which regulations apply to them and how to interpret rules and guidance. Enacting these commonsense proposals would help small businesses with their regulatory compliance and help to prevent regulatory overreach.

NFIB appreciates your bipartisan leadership on regulatory reform and looks forward to continuing to work with you to advance the cause of this important topic.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin Kuhlman".

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