
MEMORANDUM

To: All Legislators

From: Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce
National Federation of Independent Business
Milwaukee Metropolitan Association of Commerce
Americans for Prosperity - Wisconsin
Wisconsin Independent Businesses
Dairy Business Association
Wisconsin Petroleum Council
Wisconsin Paper Council
Midwest Food Products Association
Wisconsin Transportation Builders Association
Wisconsin Grocers Association
Wisconsin Bankers Association

RE: Request for Co-Sponsors of the REINS Act

Dear Legislator,

As groups promoting economic development and job creation throughout Wisconsin, we are asking you to support a key regulatory reform initiative currently being circulated for co-sponsorship: the Wisconsin REINS Act.

This legislation would empower *you* to hold bureaucrats accountable for the rules they write. Under this proposal, the most expensive rules – those that will cost \$10 million or more to implement – would need approval from the full Legislature to move forward. Bureaucrats looking to regulate would need your approval before they could impose significant costs on our economy and the people you represent back home.

This proposal would also give the Legislature the ability to request independently-prepared economic impact analysis documents for proposed regulations. This reform will help ensure accuracy and will make certain that agencies, the Legislature and the general public understand the true impact that new regulations will have on our economy.

Finally, this bill also empowers the Legislature to require agencies to hold public hearings on scope statements *before* they begin drafting a new regulation. Currently, agencies are only required to hold a public hearing after a rule has already been written. This reform would make sure that for comprehensive new regulations, the public gets to weigh in at the front-end of the process.

Ensuring an open, transparent, and efficient regulatory environment is a top priority for businesses in Wisconsin. These reforms will make certain that bureaucrats are held accountable for the regulations they write, and that the Legislature has a strong voice in the process – all while maintaining Wisconsin's role as a true leader in government reform.

Co-sponsorship for this legislation ends today. Contact the offices of Rep. Adam Neylon (6-5120) or Sen. Devin LeMahieu (6-2056) to add your name to this important reform.