

## Overview of the President's Executive Order on Regulatory Relief to Support Economic Recovery & Path Forward

**Overview:** On May 19, 2020, President Trump signed the [Executive Order on Regulatory Relief to Support Economic Recovery](#). In Section 6 of the EO, titled the “Fairness in Administrative Enforcement and Adjudication,” it includes ways to improve the institutional framework of how federal regulations are enforced. The EO should help empower people to be protected from undue, expensive, unclear regulatory overreach by the federal government that costs Americans trillions of dollars over time.

**Details:** The EO highlights an improved “bill of rights” for enforcement of regulations in America.

- “The Government should bear the burden of proving an alleged violation of law; the subject of enforcement should not bear the burden of proving compliance.”
- “Administrative enforcement should be prompt and fair.”
- “Administrative adjudicators should be independent of enforcement staff.”
- “Consistent with any executive branch confidentiality interests, the Government should provide favorable relevant evidence in possession of the agency to the subject of an administrative enforcement action.”
- “All rules of evidence and procedure should be public, clear, and effective.”
- “Penalties should be proportionate, transparent, and imposed in adherence to consistent standards and only as authorized by law.”
- “Administrative enforcement should be free of improper Government coercion.”
- “Liability should be imposed only for violations of statutes or duly issued regulations, after notice and an opportunity to respond.”
- “Administrative enforcement should be free of unfair surprise.”
- “Agencies must be accountable for their administrative enforcement decisions.”

Total regulations in the U.S. are estimated to cost Americans trillions of dollars.

- [Mercatus Center](#): \$4 trillion estimated loss in gross domestic product in 2012 from increased aggregate federal regulations since 1980.
- [Competitive Enterprise Institute](#): \$1.4 trillion estimated federal regulatory cost in 2020.

The Trump administration's efforts support more prosperity & help fight COVID-19.

- [President's FY21 Budget](#): Deregulatory-to-regulatory ratio was 7.4-to-1, which results in an estimated net regulatory cost savings to Americans of \$51 billion after just the first 3 years in office.
- [2020 Economic Report of the President](#): Regulatory reforms by the Trump administration are estimated to raise inflation-adjusted incomes by \$3,100 per household per year after 5 to 10 years. 20 major regulatory reforms could save Americans \$220 billion per year after fully implemented.
- [Americans for Tax Reform](#): 56 federal regulations waived for COVID-19 as of August 2020.

**Recommendations:** Reform the regulatory system to rein in the administrative state, streamline government, and create unlimited job opportunities so Americans can flourish, such as:

- Penalizing states for enacting energy and environmental regulations that cause economic harm to businesses and residents in other states.
- Requiring a report from the Department of Education regarding any department regulations that could be waived to encourage competency-based education.
- Requiring Secretary of HHS to audit all agreements and contracts of group purchasing organizations (GPO) pertaining to medical supply and medication.