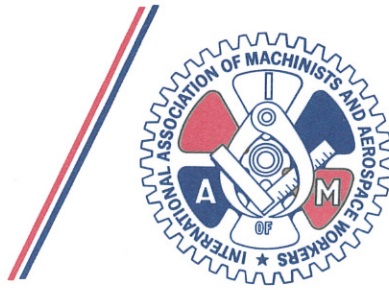


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RE: H.R. 3010 Regulatory Accountability Act

Dear Representative,

On behalf of the International Association of Machinists & Aerospace Workers, **I strongly urge you to vote "NO" to the Regulatory Accountability Act ("RAA") H.R. 3010.** This legislation is the biggest threat to workplace safety rules, public health, environmental standards, and financial reform regulations to appear in decades.

The RAA is a harmful attempt to overhaul the Administrative Procedure Act, a cornerstone of the U.S. legal system that has served Americans well for more than 60 years. This regressive legislation acts as kind of a "super-mandate," overriding the requirements of landmark legislation such as OSHA and the Clean Air Act, and distorting their protective focus by requiring agencies adopt the least costly rule, instead of the most protective. The RAA puts corporate bottom lines ahead of public and worker safety.

The RAA will not improve the regulatory process – it will cripple it. The bill adds dozens of new analytical and procedural requirements to the rulemaking process, which will add years to the process and, consequently, tilt the regulatory process in favor of business groups and others who want to stop regulations. Agencies – including the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB), Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), and the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) – will find it much more difficult to develop and issue new financial reforms and consumer protections under this harmful legislation.

The RAA will greatly hinder the government's role in protecting workers and the public. Again, we ask that you vote against the "Regulatory Accountability Act" H.R. 3010.

If you have any questions, please contact Matthew McKinnon, Legislative Director at (301) 967-4575.

Sincerely,

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