



February 11, 2025

The Honorable Joni Ernst  
Chair  
Committee on Small Business & Entrepreneurship  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Chair Ernst:

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce applauds your introduction of the Prove It Act that would reduce the burden of federal red tape on America's small businesses.

The Chamber's work with the Bradley Foundation shows that American businesses face more than \$3 trillion in regulatory costs, and our most recent MetLife/U.S. Chamber of Commerce Small Business Index revealed that more than half of America's small business owners view regulatory compliance costs as a barrier for growth. Because many regulatory costs are fixed, small businesses bear a regulatory cost burden that on a per-employee basis is roughly 20 percent higher than larger businesses with more employees.

In the 118<sup>th</sup> Congress, the Prove It Act passed the House of Representatives with support from more than 260 local, state, and regional chambers of commerce in 43 states. The Prove It Act ensures that regulators fully disclose costs on small businesses to ensure any new regulation is transparent about costs that could harm small employers' ability to re-invest in their employees, improve their operations, and grow. Your legislation would also allow small businesses to challenge agencies' refusal to reduce regulatory burden, helping hold federal agencies accountable for ignoring small business input required by the Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980. In addition, the Prove It Act would require no additional taxpayer funds for the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) to implement.

We look forward to working with you, Members of the Committee, and with the entire United States Senate to advance the Prove It Act and provide America's small businesses with long term certainty for red tape relief.

Sincerely,

Neil L. Bradley  
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and Head of Strategic Advocacy  
U.S. Chamber of Commerce