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The Honorable Paul Ryan  
Speaker of the House  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1233 Longworth House Office Building  
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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Democratic Leader  
U.S. House of Representatives  
233 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear House Speaker Ryan and Democratic Leader Pelosi:

On behalf of the over 1.2 million members of the National Association of REALTORS® (NAR), I urge the House to approve three bills coming to the House floor that will improve the regulatory decision-making process.

H.R. 998 (Smith, R-MO), the "Searching for and Cutting Regulations That Are Unnecessarily Burdensome Act," would set up a commission to review rules ready for repeal.

H.R. 1004, the "Regulatory Integrity Act" (Walberg, R-MI; Peterson, D-MN)), would require agencies to post an online record of rules, require agencies to disclose all communications about the rules and would prohibit them from promoting rules on social media.

H.R. 1009, the "Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs Insight, Reform and Accountability Act" (Mitchell, R-MI), would place the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA) under congressional oversight, require a report on proposed rules and require retrospective review of regulations to eliminate those that are outdated.

NAR believes federal regulations should be narrowly tailored to the issue, supported by strong data and evidence, and impose the least costs possible on regulated stakeholders. Taken together, these bills will make the regulatory process more transparent, agencies more accountable for their decisions, and regulations better able to achieve their purpose without unnecessary burdens on stakeholders.

NAR strongly supports these bills and urges passage when they come to the House floor for a vote.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'William E. Brown'.

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