To the Members of the United States House of Representatives:

The undersigned chambers of commerce strongly support H.R. 7198, the Prove It Act of 2024, and urge the House to consider this important legislation.

This bipartisan bill was introduced by Representatives Brad Finstad, Nathaniel Moran, and Yadira Caraveo and is co-sponsored by Representatives Mike Gallagher, Harriett Hageman, Maria Salazar, David Valadao, and Carol Miller. H.R. 7198 was reported by the Judiciary Committee in March and would be a major step forward for small businesses that are harmed by excessive federal regulations.

American small business owners are job creators and innovators. While their contributions to their communities and to the American economy are enormous, they bear an unreasonably heavy burden when it comes to regulatory costs. The annual cost of complying with federal regulations has risen by \$465 billion since 2012 and now totals over \$3 trillion (12% of U.S. GDP). The per employee cost of \$12,800 for small businesses is 20% greater than the cost per employee at their larger competitors.

The Regulatory Flexibility Act - passed 44-years ago - was intended to correct the lopsided burden on small business and require that regulators tailor rules to meet government objectives while minimizing the burden on small businesses. Unfortunately, federal agencies too often exploit loopholes in the law to hide costs imposed on Main Street businesses and to ignore their feedback.

The Prove It Act of 2024 would close those loopholes and bring more transparency to the true costs of red tape on America's innovators, job creators, and community builders. The bill would also prevent agencies from ignoring small business input in their rush to finalize new federal regulations.

We urge expeditious House consideration of H.R. 7198, the Prove It Act.

Sincerely,

# <u>Alabama</u>

Chandler Chamber of Commerce Coastal Alabama Business Chamber Enterprise Chamber of Commerce Mobile Chamber Prattville Area Chamber of Commerce SouthWest Mobile County Chamber of Commerce

### Alaska

Alaska Chamber
Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce
The Greater Juneau Chamber of Commerce

#### Arizona

Arizona Chamber of Commerce and Industry **Buckeye Valley Chamber of Commerce** Carefree Cave Creek Chamber of Commerce Greater Flagstaff Chamber of Commerce **Greater Phoenix Chamber** Mesa Chamber of Commerce Nogales Santa Cruz County Chamber of Commerce Northwest Valley Chamber of Commerce Peoria Chamber of Commerce Prescott Valley Chamber of Commerce Queen Creek Chamber of Commerce Scottsdale Area Chamber of Commerce Southwest Valley Chamber Springerville-Eagar Regional Chamber of Commerce Tucson Metro Chamber West Valley Chamber of Commerce Alliance Wickenburg Chamber of Commerce

# <u>Arkansas</u>

AR State Chamber/AIA Holiday Island Chamber of Commerce Little Rock Regional Chamber Rogers-Lowell Chamber of Commerce

Yuma County Chamber of Commerce

# **California**

Anaheim Chamber of Commerce
Brea Chamber of Commerce
California Chamber of Commerce
Carlsbad Chamber of Commerce
Chatsworth Porter Ranch Chamber of
Commerce
Chino Valley Chamber of Commerce
Colusa County Chamber of Commerce
Greater Bakersfield Chamber
Greater Coachella Valley Chamber of
Commerce
Greater Conejo Valley Chamber of
Commerce
Greater Grass Valley Chamber of Commerce

Greater Irvine Chamber of Commerce La Mesa Chamber of Commerce Laguna Hills Chamber of Commerce Lodi District Chamber of Commerce Murrieta/Wildomar Chamber of Commerce Newport Beach Chamber of Commerce North San Diego Business Chamber Oceanside Chamber of Commerce Palm Desert Area Chamber of Commerce Palos Verdes Peninsula Chamber of Commerce Rancho Cordova Area Chamber of Commerce San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce San Juan Capistrano Chamber of Commerce Santa Barbara South Coast Chamber of Commerce Santee Chamber of Commerce South Bay Association of Chambers of Commerce Tracy Chamber of Commerce West Ventura County Business Alliance Yorba Linda Chamber of Commerce

# Colorado

Vail Valley Partnership

## Florida

Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce
Daytona Regional Chamber of Commerce
Lakeland Chamber of Commerce
St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce
Visitor Information Center
The Greater Boca Raton Chamber of
Commerce
Venice Area Chamber of Commerce

## **Georgia**

Barrow County Chamber of Commerce, Inc.
Cobb County Chamber of Commerce
Fayette County Chamber of Commerce
Habersham County Chamber of Commerce
Jackson County Area Chamber of Commerce
Murray County Chamber of Commerce
Newton Chamber of Commerce

### Hawaii

Chamber of Commerce Hawaii Kapolei Chamber of Commerce Kauai Filipino Chamber of Commerce

## Idaho

Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce

## Illinois

Chamber630 Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chamber of Commerce **GLMV Chamber of Commerce** Illinois Chamber of Commerce Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce **Quad Cities Chamber of Commerce** RiverBend Growth Association Sauk Valley Area Chamber of Commerce The Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce

Western DuPage Chamber of Commerce

#### Indiana

**Greater Lawrence Chamber of Commerce** Indiana Chamber of Commerce South Bend Regional Chamber of Commerce Wayne County Area Chamber of Commerce

#### Iowa

Cedar Rapids Metro Economic Alliance **Dubuque Area Chamber of Commerce** Iowa Association of Business and Industry

#### Kansas

Goddard Chamber of Commerce Greater Topeka Chamber Parsons Chamber of Commerce

# **Kentucky**

Greater Louisville, Inc. Paducah Area Chamber of Commerce

#### Louisiana

Central Louisiana Regional Chamber of Commerce **Greenwood Chamber of Commerce** St. Tammany Chamber of Commerce

West Baton Rouge Chamber of Commerce

#### Maine

Boothbay Harbor Region Chamber of Commerce

# **Maryland**

Maryland Chamber of Commerce Salisbury Area Chamber of Commerce Talbot County Chamber of Commerce Washington County Chamber of Commerce

## Massachusetts

Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce Metro South Chamber of Commerce Peabody Area Chamber of Commerce United Regional Chamber of Commerce

#### **Michigan**

**Barry County Chamber and Economic Development Alliance** Cadillac Area Chamber of Commerce Detroit Regional Chamber **Grand Rapids Chamber** Hartland Area Chamber of Commerce Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce Michigan Chamber of Commerce Michigan West Coast Chamber of Commerce North Oakland Regional Chambers Association Southwest Michigan Regional Chamber of Commerce Three Rivers Area Chamber of Commerce

#### Minnesota

Albert Lea-Freeborn County Chamber of Austin Area Chamber of Commerce Brainerd Lakes Chamber of Commerce Cannon Falls Area Chamber of Commerce Eden Prairie Chamber of Commerce **FORWARD Worthington** Glenwood Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce Greater Mankato Growth Greater Stillwater Chamber of Commerce I-94 West Chamber of Commerce Lonsdale Area Chamber of Commerce

Marshall Area Chamber of Commerce Minnesota Chamber of Commerce Princeton Area Chamber of Commerce & Tourism

Rochester Area Chamber of Commerce Shakopee Area Chamber of Commerce SouthWest Metro Chamber of Commerce St. Cloud Area Chamber of Commerce Tracy Area Chamber Willmar Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce

Willmar Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce Windom Area Chamber of Commerce Winona Area Chamber of Commerce

# <u>Mississippi</u>

Hancock County Chamber of Commerce

#### Montana

Billings Chamber of Commerce Glasgow Area Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture, Inc.

Missoula Area Chamber of Commerce Montana Chamber of Commerce

#### Nebraska

Grand Island Area Chamber of Commerce Kearney Area Chamber of Commerce Nebraska Chamber of Commerce North Platte Area Chamber & Development Corporation

Washington County Chamber of Commerce

## **Nevada**

Carson City Chamber of Commerce Henderson Chamber of Commerce Reno + Sparks Chamber of Commerce Vegas Chamber White Pine Chamber of Commerce

# New Hampshire

Business & Industry Association New Hampshire

# **New Jersey**

New Jersey State Chamber of Commerce The African American Chamber of Commerce of New Jersey

## **New York**

Capital Region Chamber of Commerce North Country Chamber of Commerce Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce The Business Council of NYS, Inc.

#### North Carolina

Alamance Chamber of Commerce
Charlotte Regional Business Alliance
Greater Mount Airy Chamber of Commerce
Mint Hill Chamber of Commerce
Moore County Chamber of commerce
NC Chamber
The Caldwell Chamber

#### **North Dakota**

Greater North Dakota Chamber The Chamber Grand Forks - East Grand Forks Williston Area Chamber of Commerce

# **Ohio**

Chillicothe Ross Chamber of Commerce
Huber Heights Chamber of Commerce
Ohio Chamber of Commerce
Toledo Regional Chamber of Commerce
Troy Area Chamber of Commerce
Zanesville-Muskingum County Chamber of
Commerce

## **Oklahoma**

State Chamber of Oklahoma Tulsa Regional Chamber of Commerce

# <u>Oregon</u>

Albany Area Chamber of Commerce
Bend Chamber of Commerce
Canby Area Chamber of Commerce
Gresham Area Chamber of Commerce
Lake County Chamber of Commerce
Oregon Business & Industry
Oregon State Chamber of Commerce
Roseburg Area Chamber of Commerce
Salem Area Chamber of Commerce
The Dalles Area Chamber of Commerce
Washington County Chamber of Commerce

# **Pennsylvania**

Alle Kiski Strong Chamber Blair County Chamber of Commerce Chamber of Business and Industry of Centre County

Columbia Montour Chamber of Commerce Greater Latrobe-Laurel Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce

Hanover Area Chamber of Commerce Harrisburg Regional Chamber & CREDC Huntingdon County Chamber of Commerce Indian Valley Chamber of Commerce Lancaster Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry

Schuylkill Chamber of Commerce Somerset County Chamber of Commerce Southern Chester County Chamber of Commerce

TriCounty Area Chamber of Commerce Venango Area Chamber of Commerce Williamsport/Lycoming Chamber of Commerce

York County Economic Alliance

#### Rhode Island

**Greater Newport Chamber of Commerce** 

## **South Carolina**

Anderson Area Chamber of Commerce
Berkeley Chamber of Commerce
Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce
Greater Hartsville Chamber of Commerce
Hilton Head Island - Bluffton Chamber of
Commerce
South Carolina Chamber of Commerce

# **South Dakota**

South Dakota Chamber of Commerce and Industry

# **Tennessee**

Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce Tennessee Chamber of Commerce and Industry

#### **Texas**

Cedar Park Chamber of Commerce Cuero Chamber of Commerce, Agriculture & Visitors Center Denison Area Chamber of Commerce
Gainesville Area Chamber of Commerce
Greater Waco Chamber
Kaufman Chamber of Commerce
Kilgore Area Chamber of Commerce
Longview TX Chamber of Commerce
Metrocrest Chamber of Commerce
Nacogdoches County Chamber of
Commerce
North Texas Commission
Rowlett Chamber of Commerce
Texas Association of Business
United Corpus Christi Chamber of
Commerce

#### Utah

Cedar City Chamber of Commerce
ChamberWest Chamber of Commerce
Davis Chamber of Commerce
Salt Lake Chamber
South Valley Chamber of Commerce
Utah Pacific Islander Chamber

#### Virginia

Central Fairfax Chamber of Commerce Hampton Roads Chamber Loudoun County Chamber of Commerce Virginia Chamber of Commerce

## **Washington**

Burlington Chamber of Commerce Covington Chamber of Commerce Economic Alliance Snohomish County Greater Lake Stevens Chamber of Commerce Mercer Island Chamber of Commerce Thurston County Chamber of Commerce

#### Wisconsin

Beaver Dam Area Chamber of Commerce Heart of Wisconsin Chamber of Commerce Rice Lake Area Chamber of Commerce Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce

#### **Wyoming**

Campbell County Chamber of Commerce Greater Cheyenne Chamber of Commerce Jackson Hole Chamber of Commerce Lander Chamber of Commerce Rock Springs Chamber of Commerce Wyoming State Chamber of Commerce