

Testimony of Thomas Wainio in Support of HJR 2

Chair Hall, Vice Chair Ferguson, Ranking member Humphrey, and Members of the Committee:

First I want to say that I appreciate your attention to this important bill. For nearly a decade, grassroots advocates like myself have been beating a path to Columbus to plead our case to have this body take action.

My name is Tom Wainio from Canfield, Ohio, House District 59 and my Representative is Tex Fisher. My request to all of you is to take the step needed to limit the power of the federal government and bring it back here, with you, in the statehouse where the founders intended it to be.

I am 66 years old and married to my high school sweetheart. I retired from my sales career at United Parcel Service after 37 years. I'm one of eight children and my father was self-employed. I mention this because my father Bill Wainio, and Jim Casey, Founder of UPS, were both small businessmen. Dad started his grocery store in 1951, Jim Casey and his brother George, launched their messenger service in 1907. Through much hard work, Dad was able to provide all eight of his children twelve years of Catholic education. Today, UPS is a \$105Billion global transportation company with over 485,000 employees.

According to U.S. Chamber of Commerce, small businesses account for nearly fifty percent of the U.S. economy. Unfortunately, statistics show that over 70% of small businesses nowadays fail in their first ten years. Complex, cumbersome and costly Federal Regulations have a severe impact on new business startups. Government Regulations cost the U.S. economy \$1.9 Trillion in direct cost, lost production and higher prices. The effective cost to small businesses with less than 50 employees is 20% higher than to larger cap businesses. The U.S Regulatory Code increased 850%, some 6,081 rules in the last 60 years. America is ruled by unelected bureaucrats with sovereign power to set regulations and fines. What has happened to us?

It is time to reign in the regulatory power of Federal Government. I urge your support of HJR2. Bring the power back to the states and voice back to the people.

Respectfully,

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