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Congress, Administration Listen to Manufacturers and Roll Back “Blacklisting Rule”

Washington, D.C., March 27, 2017 – National Association of Manufacturers President and CEO Jay Timmons issued the following statement in support of President Donald Trump’s signing of a resolution passed by Congress invalidating one of manufacturers’ costliest regulatory burdens, commonly known as the “blacklisting rule”:

“Congress and the president have lifted a regulatory burden from manufacturers, empowering us to do what matters: create jobs and invest in our communities. Manufacturers were bogged down with a record number of regulations during the previous administration, and the blacklisting rule was one of the biggest threats to manufacturers’ ability to compete and create jobs. If the blacklisting rule had not been lifted, this regulation alone would have imposed \$3.3 billion in compliance costs and created 21.7 million hours of paperwork for manufacturers—and would not benefit employees or employers.

“Manufacturers and their employees share the goal of safe, communicative and productive workplaces. But regulations like the blacklisting rule take us in the wrong direction—squandering resources that could be used to hire workers or increase salaries. We are grateful for lawmakers’ commitment to rethinking red tape and for the president’s decisive action to sign this resolution into law and look forward to continued progress toward smarter, effective regulations.”

Learn more about manufacturers’ efforts to balance regulations [here](#).

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