ENSURING TEXAS REMAINS THE BEST STATE IN THE NATION TO LIVE, WORK, AND DO BUSINESS

The Coalition for Regulatory Efficiency and Reform (CRER) is working to create a best-in-the-nation model for Texas where all rules are reviewed on a regular basis through an objective, transparent, and efficient process.

To learn more about the coalition and our work to pass meaningful state regulatory reform in the 2025 legislative session, visit **TxRegReform.com**.

Texas is rightly known as a champion of free enterprise. In fact, we have the 8th-largest economy *in the world*. And yet, Texas ranks as the 5th-most-regulated state in the country and as the most regulated for occupational licensing.

Elected officials and businesses across our state have made Texas an economic powerhouse and global force in entrepreneurship. Now, let's modernize our regulatory system to support continued economic growth.

The Challenge

For many years, our state regulatory system has steadily expanded and layered rules across all sectors. Thoughtfully designed and applied regulations can help protect consumers, workers, businesses, and the environment. But inefficient, antiquated, or conflicting rules create serious barriers to job creation and economic development.

Texas' existing regulatory framework lacks a consistent and transparent system of review for all rules. Moreover, it does not include a sound mechanism outside of the state agency to ensure rules are adopted in the most effective, least costly, and least restrictive ways.

The Path Forward

To fuel sustained economic growth, Texas needs a modernized and efficient regulatory framework—where rules are continually updated, readopted, and repealed as needed.

CRER does not seek to reduce the regulatory burden according to any predetermined metric. **Instead, we want to establish a system that will—by design—help ensure state regulations are perpetually effective, efficient, up to date, and necessary.**

Regulatory reform is good for all Texans.

A modern state regulatory system will:

Support job creation and sustained economic growth

Fuel innovation

Provide transparency and accountability

Offer a healthy balance of protections and freedoms

TEXAS CAN LEAD THE WAY.

With regulatory modernization, Texas can serve as a national model for analyzing how our regulatory policies affect economic growth and implementing a better and more transparent process.

Reform will give all Texans more confidence that our state regulations are effective, necessary, and cost-efficient. The improved system will also cement Texas' status as the most business-friendly state in the Union, so we can keep attracting the industries—like manufacturing and technology— that power our economy and will help us stay competitive for the long term.

Proposed reforms:

- Create a new Regulatory Efficiency Division within the Governor's Office to help agencies improve and reduce regulations
- Codify the standard for judicial review of agency interpretations to reflect the U.S. Supreme Court overturning the "*Chevron* doctrine"
- Increase transparency in the rule review process
- Allow a rule to be invalidated if an agency fails to properly perform required cost and impact analyses
- Help increase occupational licensing reciprocity agreements with other states
- Add third-party efficiency audits and performance measures to the Sunset review process for regulatory agencies
- Add a limited review for regulatory agencies halfway through each 12-year Sunset cycle to assess the necessity and effectiveness of rules and agencies' compliance with rulemaking requirements
- Create a user-friendly online portal for new and existing business owners

If we don't act now, the regulatory burden on Texans will grow heavier.

This would carry steep costs for businesses and consumers and stifle our state economy, without commensurate benefit to safety or efficiency.

That's why a diverse group of industry, policy, and community organizations joined to form CRER. Learn more at **TxRegReform.com**.

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