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The Honorable Hilda L. Solis  
Secretary of Labor  
U.S. Department of Labor  
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Dear Secretary Solis:

On January 26, 2011, the Committee on Education and the Workforce held a hearing entitled "State of the American Workforce," during which several witnesses testified that federal regulations make businesses in the United States less competitive, stifling the already weak recovery and destroying employers' ability to create jobs. One example of job-stifling regulation cited during the hearing was the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's (OSHA) 2009 proposal to add a musculoskeletal disorders section under the types of worker injuries and illnesses that must be recorded by businesses. While we are pleased that this troubling proposal has been suspended, we believe it nonetheless underscores the obstacles excessive and onerous regulations present for America's job creators.

On January 18, 2011, President Obama issued Executive Order 13563, which aimed to improve regulations and regulatory review. It directed federal agencies to produce preliminary plans for periodic review of significant rules with an eye toward economic growth, competitiveness, and job creation and submit them to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs and the Office of Management and Budget within 120 days of the issuance of the order.

The Committee is eager for this evaluation to begin at the U.S. Department of Labor. To better understand the condition and timetable of this endeavor, please provide the following information no later than April 6, 2011.

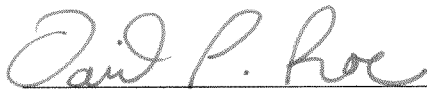
1. All documents addressing the implementation and execution of Executive Order 13563.
2. All documents produced to comply with Executive Order 13563.

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3. Individuals at the U.S. Department of Labor working on the implementation and execution of Executive Order 13563.
4. A timetable for the issuance of guidance and review of existing and pending regulations at agencies.
5. A list of all significant regulations identified as part of the Executive Order 13563 review.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Marvin Kaplan of the Committee staff at (202) 225-7101.

Sincerely,



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cc: The Honorable Robert Andrews, Senior Democratic Member, Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions

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