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# **A1P: Article I Regulatory Budget Act**

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## **The Regulatory System is Out of Control**

- Federal regulations – the thousands of pages of do’s and don’t’s Washington bureaucrats impose on Americans every year – are estimated to cost families and businesses almost \$2 trillion per year.
- This “hidden tax” artificially inflates the costs of *everything* Americans buy and sell, all without a single vote in Congress.
- Regulations hurt working families and small businesses while unfairly helping giant corporations who can afford all the increased overhead costs.
- And it’s all because Congress has spent decades handing off its constitutional powers to the Executive Branch – to duck accountability for actual policy decisions.

## **A1P Reforms Would Make Congress and Agencies Accountable Again**

- Under the Constitution, the federal government is supposed to work for the American people, not the other way around.
- Central to A1P’s agenda to re-empower Congress, and by extension the American people, is to restore direct, accountable congressional control over the federal regulatory system.
- By putting *Congress* back in charge of federal policymaking, we can put the American people back in charge of Washington.

## **The Article I Regulatory Budget Act Would:**

- Require Congress to approve total regulatory costs Executive Branch agencies could impose each year, incentivizing regulators to make regulations as cost-effective as possible.
- Eliminate the abuse of regulatory “dark matter.”
- Automatically defund enforcement of any rule that breaches an agency’s regulatory cost cap.
- Empower voters to hold Representatives and Senators responsible for dysfunctional and abusive regulations.

*“By putting Congress back in charge of federal policymaking, the Regulatory Budget would put the American people back in charge of Washington.”*

