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Mr. J. Patrick Boyle  
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Dear Mr. Boyle:

It is my understanding that Rep. Darrell Issa, Chairman of the Oversight and Government Reform Committee, recently sent a letter to your organization requesting that you identify existing and proposed regulations that may negatively impact job growth and asking for your suggestions on reforming the identified regulations and the rulemaking process. It is also my understanding that Chairman Issa sent similar letters to approximately 160 other organizations seeking the same information.

I fully support a balanced effort to reform regulations to promote job growth in a manner that does not sacrifice the core protections these regulations are intended to preserve. Unfortunately, I have been unable to obtain copies of any responses to the Chairman's letters directly from the Chairman. Without having the benefit of your response, Democratic Committee Members are being prevented from adequately preparing for a hearing the Chairman intends to hold in the coming weeks on this issue.

If you have already responded to Chairman Issa's letter, I request that you please send a copy of your response and any accompanying materials to [oversight.democrats@mail.house.gov](mailto:oversight.democrats@mail.house.gov) at your earliest convenience, but no later than February 3, 2011. If you have not yet responded, but you intend to, please provide a copy of your response at the time you submit it to Chairman Issa.

Thank you very much for your assistance.

Sincerely,



Elijah E. Cummings  
Ranking Democratic Member

cc: The Honorable Darrell E. Issa, Chairman