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# How Regulations Impact Small Business

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Small businesses are the heart of America's economy. They are on the front lines of commerce, driving economic growth and dynamism while boosting job creation and innovation. Small businesses are also among the first in the economy to feel the effects of slow growth or bad public policy. For that reason, we must find the obstacles in the way of entrepreneurs, starting with regulation.

In the past year, the US Chamber of Commerce Foundation has conducted a comprehensive literature review to understand the full impact of federal, state, and local regulations on small businesses. We complemented this effort by speaking with small business owners and regulatory experts as well as some sixty-four chamber officials across the country.

The study concludes that onerous government regulations have a disproportionate impact on entrepreneurship and free enterprise in America. We find four key takeaways:

- Small business is America's business
- Federal regulations hurt small business
- State and local regulations are a growing burden
- Advocates can defend small businesses

**Small Business is America's Business**

More than forty-five percent of US gross domestic product is driven by the small business sector. About ninety-eight percent of the country's businesses have fewer than one hundred employees. Nearly half of workers in the American private sector are employed by small enterprises. Historically, small businesses have been responsible for two-thirds of all net new jobs. This ubiquity makes small businesses a key piece of the American economy, playing a critical role in its success and growth.

Each year, more than half a million new business establishments are launched, creating more than 2.5 million jobs. America is home to another twenty-three million non-employer businesses, which, according to the Census Bureau, run "the gamut from old-fashioned family-run corner stores to home-based bloggers."

**Federal Regulations Hurt Small Business**

Despite the prevalence of small businesses, the Chamber Foundation's review of the literature



finds that federal regulations and their infrastructure are growing and have a disproportionate impact on small business and free enterprise in America. Federal regulations alone are estimated to cost the American economy as much as \$1.9 trillion a year

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Description of project: The LIRR Expansion Project from Floral Park to Hicksville is a strategic component in Governor Andrew Cuomo's comprehensive plan to transform New York's vital transportation infrastructure while improving the economy, environment, and future of Long Island. The Expansion is decades in the making. Residents and commuters along the Main Line corridor have long sought a mass transit solution to reduce congestion, improve safety and the environment, and provide an appealing alternative to driving, with minimal disruption to existing services and without residential property takings. The new plan includes construction of a 9.8 mile third track between the Floral Park and Hicksville stations, the elimination of 7 grade crossings to improve safety and reduce road traffic, and upgrades to infrastructure, stations, and parking along the route.

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Boots to Business Tuesday, April 18, 2017, 8:30 am–Wednesday, April 19, 2017, 4:00 pm Peace Air National Guard Base, 302 Newington Street, Newington, NH Main Sponsor(s): Small Business Administration Contact: Miguel Moralez, 207-438-5785, miguel.moralez@sba.gov Fee: Free; registration required Boots to Business is a three-day training program developed to introduce all veterans and transitioning service members to business ownership. This two-day workshop helps ensure that every participant has access to a standardized entrepreneurship training track and the small business resources in their local communities. Any veteran, spouse, and/or dependent children over eighteen are welcome to participate! After completing the two-day Boots to Business session, participants will have the tools and knowledge they need to identify a business opportunity, draft a business plan, connect with local small business resources, and launch their small business.

Selling to the Government Workshop Thursday, April 20, 2017, 9:00 am–10:00 am Hoag Library, 134 South Main Street, Albion, NY Main Sponsor(s): Small Business Administration, Monroe County Finger Lakes PTAC, US Department of Agriculture Contact: Jennifer Talarico, [jennifer.talarico@sba.gov](mailto:jennifer.talarico@sba.gov) Fee: Free; registration required Hear guest speakers and connect with local agencies to learn more about starting or enhancing an aspect of your business. This workshop is for small business concerns with an interest in selling their goods and services to the government. You will learn about the programs that SBA has available and then how to do business with the government from a local PTAC professional. Program agenda 9:00 am–9:30 am; federal certifications 9:30 am–10:00 am.

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