Crippling Impact of Regulations on Society ..... Must be Exposed – Must be Stopped!

Punishing regulations are curtailing economic recovery, by stifling opportunity and freedom for both businesses and individuals. Today, measure your size for a straight-jacket, - because that’s where we’re headed unless stopped.

The Situation

Over 30% ($4.5 Trillion dollars) of U.S. Domestic output ($15 Trillion dollars) now goes through local, state and federal governments. Liberal Democrat elitists are remaking society through the Regulatory process and causing unacceptable detrimental consequences.

A. The emergence of a huge doctrinaire government workforce, - and allied dependency groups, i.e. unions, etc. Uncomfortably, many in the 22,000,000 strong government cadres are given authority to oversee most everything affecting peoples’ lives. Interestingly too, government has become so much an entrenched culture it seems disproportional more children of government employees likewise enter government employment. One consequence to justify their need and existence, many in government are self-serving in support for more intrusive and expensive government! Over the past 40 years, many unnecessary and harmful regulations to the detriment of society have been adopted under pressure by self-serving interest groups, especially government employee organizations.

As with the large rank and file government workforce, liberal elitist ideologue career politicians and appointed senior regulatory agency heads want to justify their existence as well. These people don’t trust individuals; don’t trust business, and claim to know better what rule of conduct is to be allowed. They are ‘masters of deceit’ determined to dictate activity to their likes. Bluntly, these ideologues are of social Marxist thinking wanting to establish a conformist society. And, they want monetary surplus
derived from individual and business pursuits turned over to
government. For them, it is through controlling regulations as the
surest way to obtain their objective.

B. To implement the endless number of government programs
necessitates rulemaking; - literally hundreds of thousands of
regulations over the years across the country; and this does not
include more than the estimated 6,000 pages of regulations due out
for Obama Care! Because of the sheer numbers and complexity
of regulations, an added consequence is unobtainable full
compliance. (Trial lawyers love this! Needless to mention, trial
lawyer abuses need to be reined in. Moreover, limits on litigation
and revamping tort law are demanded).

C. Put unfair obligations on those regulated, especially businesses.
Businesses are charged with implementing and complying with
regulations. (Some complain a punitive hidden tax on business).
Businesses become agents of government to withhold, collect and
pay all kinds of taxes, i.e., income, sales, use, excise and fee taxes,
etc. Businesses devote a great amount of time, resources and
human energy to do governments’ work. Businesses expend many
billions of dollars each year to satisfy government mandates.
Businesses are not compensated for non-contractual work in
service to government, (i.e. tax collecting) – not even at minimum
wage. And, some would say its immoral slave labor exploitation!
(Liberals contend businesses can raise prices to cover cost of
regulations, but in fact is mostly a fallacy.) Businesses believe
they are not appreciated! Harmful to America, much of business
believes fees, paperwork, other untold costs of compliance, and
increased liability exposure due to regulations, are detriments too
great to warrant new initiatives and commercial expansion.

START TO CORRECT THE REGULATORY MESS NOW! SAVE
INDIVIDUALS AND BUSINESSES FROM IMPENDING BONDAGE!
IT IS TIME OPPORTUNITY AND FREEDOM OF CHOICE IN
DECISION MAKING BE REVIVED!

HERE’S WHAT HAS TO BE DONE!

- Gain grassroots support calling for reform. Alert the public to the
  endless number of regulations. It must be shown by example after
  example in vocations and industries, how regulations restrict
  individual freedom of choice, and keeps businesses from hiring and
expanding. The situation needs to be brought home personally to folks on how they are directly affected by regulations that deny opportunity and limit freedom of choice in hopes to get ahead. The public needs to be aroused! Case examples need to be sited for all kinds of obligations and compliances in employment, taxes, producing products and services, insurances, health care, education, transportation, environmental management, rules specific for differing businesses, and for other commercial/financial functions. There is no end to the number of adverse regulations to cope with!

- **Seek a massive review of our regulations nightmare.** Task forces should be formed to root out and cleanse the regulatory jungle of outdated, non-sensical, and of being polluted of self interest obstructive regulatory mandates. Many regulations are simply not justified by need and outrageously costly. The ‘Risk Premium’ to pay in order to comply with many regulations is too high for millions of individuals and businesses. Forward looking decision making by individuals and businesses is held back, thus curtailing opportunity.

- **Seek to change the public mindset on what constitutes a better guideline format structure to use in justifying the need for a regulation.** Criterion of particulars that everyone can understand should be established for promulgating regulations, with greater emphasis on a proposed regulation’s stated scope, and limitations. Obviously in numerous instances, elected officials will need to revisit laws that spawned ill-advised regulations.

- **In place of onerous regulations, particularly governing business and the environment, where feasible adopt principles of BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES with greater public oversight and transparency as a way to induce self compliance; to what should be clearly recognized and accepted in good behavior.**

- **To help reduce the need for so many inconsequential picayune regulations covering every conceivable conduct in human activity, straighten out the Educational System.** Educators have to put emphasis on respect and appreciation for property, respect and appreciation for honoring an individual’s personal rights, and respect and appreciation for society. When we instill respect and appreciation in people and for property, we also gain the acceptance for taking responsibility as well. Make it abundantly clear as an outcome from education, that you don’t put property, other individuals, and society in jeopardy and at risk when in engaged in business or in personal pursuits.
Of course, there is some need for regulations. In our increasingly crowded and complicated society there must be some order in governing relations among individuals, interest groups, and commercial affairs to protect the general good. Thus, appropriate, well defined and enforceable regulations have a necessary role: *To ensure the public safety *To protect the environment where human activity and resource use can otherwise potentially harm life and property *As codes for conduct between individuals, groups, and commercial pursuits that enables equal fair play *To establish procedures to implement and follow laws *To protect and enhance generally accepted values and standards in society

There is good rationale and noble cause for truly appropriate, well throughout regulations; - devoid of overbearing self interest advocacy intrusion. However, the regulatory climate has gone berserk – crazy! Today it’s an outrage; overreaching, overkill, intimidating, degrading the environment and human welfare, crippling energy production, causing economic and financial dislocations, and even being anti-constitution. Instead of spending time devising good rule making to help society prosper – we have permitted the masters of deceit leftist Democrats to be largely in charge in making regulations; - regulations as tools to control and destroy society as we know it.

The country needs a huge regulatory overhaul and roll back now! We can wait no longer; opportunity and freedom are being taken away at breathtaking speed. Urgent regulatory reform is now a top priority to regain prosperity in the United States, - no less important than the crucial need to correct our horrendous tax and debt liabilities. Individuals and businesses must be unshackled from abusive regulations; - unleashed to allow a return for opportunity and freedom of choice to flourish.

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