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Another Red Tape Rollback Victory: House Passes EPA Regulatory Relief Act of 2011

Legislation Blocks Job Destroying EPA Regulations

Washington, DC – Last night the House of Representatives passed the EPA Regulatory Relief Act of 2011, legislation co-authored by Rep. Todd Rokita that prevents the Environmental Protection Agency from implementing new regulations on boilers and incinerators that will cost businesses as much as \$14.4 billion and destroy 224,000 jobs.

“The EPA Regulatory Relief Act is an important Red Tape Rollback victory. It targets just the type of job-killing regulations I partnered with the Indiana Chamber of Commerce to repeal or prevent,” Rokita said.

“I have been writing the EPA’s administrator since February urging the agency to reconsider these job-killing regulations. Unfortunately the EPA failed to consider the negative impacts of this rule. That is why I co-authored the EPA Regulatory Relief Act,” Rokita said. *“This legislation does what EPA bureaucrats have refused to do: it requires that maximum achievable control technology (MACT) rules be re-proposed to ensure standards are achievable, compliance deadlines are realistic, and jobs won’t be destroyed because of bad decisions by unaccountable bureaucrats.”*

If implemented, these MACT rules would have resulted in \$5.4 billion in capital costs and new compliance costs of \$2.2 billion annually by EPA’s own estimates. Other estimates have put the cost at \$14.4 billion. These rules would jeopardize over 200,000 jobs, result in plant closures and send more American manufacturing jobs overseas.

The EPA Regulatory Relief Act of 2011 passed on a bipartisan basis 275 to 142.

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