



May 16, 2017

The Honorable Rob Portman
United States Senate
448 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 201510

Testimony in Support of Senate Bill 951

Dear Senator Portman:

On behalf of the Glass Packaging Institute (GPI), I am offering the following testimony in **strong support of your legislation, S. 951, the Regulatory Accountability Act of 2017.**

GPI is the North American trade association for the glass container manufacturers, glass recyclers, and suppliers of materials, equipment and transportation to the industry. Collectively, our member companies employ 18,000 Americans in the glass container manufacturing industry.

While GPI member companies regularly comply with local, state and federal regulations, they have experienced significant increases in regulatory related compliance costs. S. 951's requirements to place the cost-benefit analysis of regulations upfront, along with a path for judicial review of costly regulations will help to stabilize the environment for GPI member companies.

We also support the built-in review process for the most significant regulations every 10 years. As the business environment for companies evolves over time, this will ensure that regulations remain both relevant and fair.

S. 951 also provides much needed public transparency for regulations, with agency hearings that will provide an opportunity for the manufacturing and broader business communities to legitimately challenge assumptions and costs underlying large rulemaking and regulatory efforts.

As an energy-intensive-trade-exposed industry (EITE) often in competition with lesser regulated international competitors, the glass container manufacturing industry appreciates your efforts to update the regulatory process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lynn M. Bragg". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped "B" at the end.

Lynn M. Bragg
President