A STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE TO THE REGULATORY PROCESS

Please note that the steps for implementing a new rule or rescinding one are the same.

1. Bureaucracy Drafts a Regulation
2. Review by the White House Office of Management and Budget (OMB)/Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA)
3. Notice of Proposed Rule published in the Federal Register*

4. Public Comment Period
   This is the one step where the American people can have their voices heard and stop a regulation from taking effect. Major public response to proposed rules can be decisive in the regulatory process.

5. Bureaucracy Responds to Public Comments With Final Regulation Language

6. Bureaucracy Internally Reviews Regulation
7. OMB/OIRA Issues Final Review
8. Regulation Included in Federal Register
9. Rule Takes Effect

HOW CONGRESS CAN STOP REGULATIONS

1. Passing a law eliminating, clarifying or altering the regulation
2. Eliminating funding for enforcement of the regulation
3. Using the Congressional Review Act process to revoke the rule within 60 days of its finalization, which requires simple majority votes in both houses of Congress and the President's signature.

*There are a few exceptions to this rule.