

# REGULATORY REFORM

Wisconsin's regulatory climate and permitting burdens are often viewed as among the most aggressive in the country. Every dollar a business spends on regulations that are too costly, complex and cumbersome is a dollar that can't be spent to raise wages, hire additional workers or expand the business. The reforms enacted in 2011 Act 21 and the REINS Act are an important first step toward a better state regulatory climate, but additional reforms are necessary to ensure Wisconsin is a model for other states to follow.

- ✔ **RETROACTIVELY REVIEW AND REPEAL OBSOLETE REGULATIONS**  
Improve our regulatory environment by regularly reviewing existing administrative rules to repeal or reform obsolete, costly or cumbersome regulations.
- ✔ **REQUIRE AGENCIES TO PROMULGATE EASILY UNDERSTOOD REGULATIONS**  
Establish new criteria for agency regulations that require rules be written in simple and clear language, while considering the costs and benefits of the rule, and regulating in the least burdensome manner.
- ✔ **HARMONIZE STATE AND FEDERAL REGULATIONS**  
Align Wisconsin employment and environmental regulations with corresponding federal requirements to eliminate the additional cost and complexity of complying with overlapping and "Wisconsin-only" regulations.
- ✔ **AUTOMATICALLY SUNSET REGULATIONS AFTER 10 YEARS**  
Regulations written by unelected bureaucrats stay on the books indefinitely, leaving us with an outdated regulatory system that often does not reflect modern day practices. To ensure regulations are still necessary and as efficient as possible, require all regulations to sunset after 10 years to force agencies to re-evaluate them for continued relevancy or necessity.

- ✔ **ENSURE BUREAUCRATS AND AGENCIES ARE HELD ACCOUNTABLE**  
Promote a consistent, stable and transparent regulatory environment by holding state agencies accountable. When agencies and bureaucrats violate the law or exceed their regulatory authority, WMC will direct legal resources to push back.
- ✔ **OPPOSE POLICIES AND REGULATIONS THAT CREATE AN UNFAVORABLE BUSINESS CLIMATE**  
Oppose regulations and policies that negatively impact Wisconsin's business climate. Oppose rules and policies that create uncertainty and are unnecessarily costly, complex and burdensome requirements on the regulated community. Support policies that incentivize investment and create an attractive business climate in Wisconsin so that our state continues to prosper.

