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AAF Finds Increased Regulatory Burden, Costs Since Effort to Reduce Regulations Announced

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The American Action Forum (@AAF) examined the progress in the federal effort to reduce regulations finding the regulatory burden has actually increased despite the initiative. AAF found more than 1.5 billion hours of paperwork and $10.2 billion in new net costs have been added.

The regulatory initiative, announced three years ago this week by President Obama, instructed agencies to conduct a retrospective review to reduce redundant regulations. Other notable examples of increased regulatory red tape include:

- 26 percent increase in paperwork required by the Department of Health and Human Services;
- 7 percent increase in the amount of paperwork required by the federal government; and
- Many of the claimed deregulatory measures predated the initiative and the Administration.

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