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Estimating the Economic Value of Trump Administration Rules Blocked by Legal Action

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It has been widely reported that much of the Trump Administration’s regulatory agenda has met resistance in the courts. Nevertheless, only a few deregulatory actions with significant economic savings have been halted, find AAF’s Director of Regulatory Policy Dan Bosch and Bernard Zamaninia in a new analysis. In fact, the administration’s rules with regulatory costs have been met with defeat at a higher rate than those with measurable deregulatory savings, they note.

Their central points:

- To date, successful challenges to Trump Administration rules have amounted to blocking an estimated $1.8 billion in regulatory savings, or less than 2 percent of the total economic savings of all rules finalized by this administration;
- Only two of the Trump Administration’s top 10 rules with the most estimated savings have been blocked through legal action; and
- In terms of the number of actions blocked, 75 percent were deregulatory in nature, although among actions that included agency-estimated economic impacts, regulatory actions were blocked at a higher rate than deregulatory actions.

Read the analysis.