Press Release

AAF Research Finds Two New Fed Regulations Would Require 45.9 Billion Compliance Hours

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The American Action Forum (@AAF) released new research focusing on two new proposed Federal regulations that represent the largest expansion of red tape to date. These two new proposed regulations would together add 45.9 billion hours of new paperwork to the 10.3 billion paperwork hours currently required by the Federal government.

One regulation, issued by the National Credit Union Administration, would impose 43.4 billion paperwork hours and an “inestimable” cost. The second, issued by the Internal Revenue Service, would add 2.4 billion hours and $48.5 billion in “out of pocket” costs.

“These figures are truly staggering. Our species is only roughly 200,000 years old and now two obscure notices are threatening to add more than 5.2 million years of paperwork. The topline figures are sobering but the lack of oversight and public attention is even more surprising,” concludes Sam Batkins, AAF’s Director of Regulatory Policy.

Click here to read the analysis.
EONS OF RED TAPE

THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION IS PROPOSING
45.9 BILLION HOURS
IN NEW PAPERWORK EVERY YEAR.

Current Total
Regulatory Burden

Proposed New
Burden

45,896,291,609 HOURS
= 1,912,345,483 DAYS
= 5,239,302 YEARS

NEW REGULATORY BURDEN

3,000 years since the founding of Rome
110,000 years since the last ice age
200,000 years since Homo sapiens
5.2 million years of regulation

7,000,000 MAN HOURS TO BUILD
THE EMPIRE STATE BUILDING

68,250,000 MAN HOURS
TO BUILD HOOVER DAM

250,000,000 MAN HOURS TO
BUILD GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE

IT WOULD TAKE 22.9 MILLION PEOPLE WORKING FULL TIME
TO COMPLETE ALL OF THE NEW RED TAPE EACH YEAR.
THAT'S EQUIVALENT TO 88% OF THE POPULATION OF
THE STATE OF TEXAS.

DO WE WANT TO BE A NATION THAT
FILLS OUT FORMS FOR A LIVING?

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