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## STATEMENT ON PRESIDENT OBAMA'S WALL STREET JOURNAL OPINION EDITORIAL

Richard Revesz, Dean of NYU School of Law and Policy Integrity's Faculty Director.:

Those who care about protecting human health and safety should embrace today's piece from the President on the *Wall Street Journal's* opinion page.

The environment and the economy are not at odds—on the contrary, the success of each one is linked to the well-being of the other. By making this case, the President pointed to a better way of safeguarding both.

Michael Livermore, Policy Integrity's Executive Director:

The Obama administration has consistently shown an insistence on pragmatism over ideology in regulatory matters and these comments demonstrate a doubling down of that attitude.

Cost-benefit analysis is here to stay as government's central vehicle for making regulatory decisions— with this morning's essay the President makes that much clear. This is a positive development because when done right, sound economics and strong health and safety protections can go hand in hand.

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- [“Scrutinizing Inaction”](#) (at Huffington Post)
- [Fixing Regulatory Review: Recommendations for the Next Administration](#)
- [The Cost-Benefit Compass: Navigating the Perfect Storm of Economic, Environmental, and Energy Challenges](#)
- [Retaking Rationality: How Cost-Benefit Analysis Can Better Protect the Environment and Our Health](#) (Oxford University Press, 2008)