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STATEMENT ON PRESIDENT OBAMA'S NEW EXECUTIVE ORDER

President Obama's new Executive Order has the potential to trim unnecessary rules while boosting needed protections. Adequate protection for the environment, public health, and consumers is essential, but periodic review can help ensure they stay up to date.

Independent agencies are charged with regulating some of the most important issues facing the country like Internet policy and consumer safety. Today's move will help improve those regulatory programs by setting up a process of periodic review, while respecting the discretion of these agencies.

The retrospective review that began with the President's January Executive Order, which applies only to Executive agencies, was an important first step. But the plans submitted by agencies so far have focused almost exclusively on paperwork reduction and axing outdated rules.

Going forward, the Obama administration should focus on putting in place a durable system of review that gives equal attention to cutting bad rules and extending protections where needed.

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Links for more information on Policy Integrity's work on regulatory review:

- ["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)