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President Joe Biden The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW Washington, D.C. 20500

Re: Fall 2024 Unified Agenda of Regulatory and Deregulatory Actions

President Biden:

As of this writing, you have not yet released your Administration's Fall 2024 Unified Agenda of Regulatory and Deregulatory Actions (Unified Agenda), the primary document required to provide the American people and Congress insight into your Administration's regulatory agenda. Your lack of transparency into your regulatory plan raises questions about good governance, denies regulated entities the opportunity to prepare and budget, and undermines Congressional oversight. Now two months overdue, this bad practice is even more concerning due to the upcoming presidential transition.

Issued in 1993, Executive Order (EO) 12866, *Regulatory Planning and Review*, continues to govern executive regulatory practice and instructs the development and publishing of a Spring and Fall Unified Agenda. EO 12866 also uniquely outlines that it *must* include a Regulatory Plan "in the October publication of the Unified Regulatory Agenda." Now in the second week of December, the Fall Unified Agenda is two months late.

The Unified Agenda helps the President organize the executive branch, develop the agenda and processes to review this agenda, and ensures that the Office of Management and Budget is able to review and coordinate regulatory actions. Without this plan, we lack assurance that such a good government process is ongoing, which is greatly concerning, since this process ensures that the elected President directs the actions of unelected bureaucrats and not the other way around. The Unified Agenda also promotes transparency and regulatory clarity, both of which are so greatly needed as your Administration has already imposed \$1.7 trillion in new annual regulatory costs requiring over three hundred million regulatory paperwork hours for compliance.

In just over one month, the Biden-Harris Administration will depart the White House, and the Trump-Vance Administration will enter office. Delivering on the mandate from the American people will require developing a new regulatory and deregulatory agenda, a task which is much more complicated without a proper assessment of the agenda from the previous Administration. The failure to publish a Fall Unified Agenda elevates this concern.

To promote transparency and accountability, ensure good governance, and avoid any appearance of undermining the presidential transition, I urge you to comply with EO 12866 and follow the lead of your predecessors and release the Fall 2024 Unified Agenda.

Sincerely, Hereet h. Negeman

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