

Dear Small Business Owner,

For more than 25 years I ran small business in Brevard County – a local real estate company. I know what it means to put the customers first, to provide a good service or product, and to work to meet payroll each week.

I also know what it is like to constantly battle an ever-growing government bureaucracy that you are convinced is aimed at putting you out of business. **In fact, it was my frustration with that bureaucracy that led me to where I am today.**

When I served in local government my goal was to make Rockledge a welcoming place to live AND WORK. In the state legislature I led the campaign to reform the Administrative Procedures Act so that state bureaucrats were no longer able to issue arbitrary and unproductive rules (laws) for which they had no authority.

I'm now facing my most serious challenge: a Washington bureaucracy where bureaucrats refuse to answer simple questions, even under oath, and ignore clear legislative direction.

Just how costly is that burden? **A Small Business Administration study puts the compliance cost of regulations at \$10,000 per employee for a small business.** We've responded by passing more than 20 bills in the House to rein in the bureaucracy. Sadly, most of these good ideas have fallen on deaf ears in the U.S. Senate.

Reining in this ever-growing burden is essential if we are going to set free the entrepreneurial spirit that for 236 years has made the United States the greatest economic success story in the history of the world.

I hope you will take a minute to review the survey and let me know your thoughts. This will help me represent you better in the Congress. It is indeed an honor to serve you.

Sincerely,



Bill Posey



Posey's Small Business Checklist

- ✓ Introduced the **Common Sense Economic Recovery Act** to remove regulatory roadblocks so small businesses and homeowners can better access loans through their local community banks
- ✓ Supported House-passed legislation to cut taxes on small businesses by 20%
- ✓ Voted to block the small business tax increase
- ✓ Supported House-passed legislation to block federal regulatory attempts to impose draconian rules on America's businesses and send more jobs overseas:
 - Voted to block costly new regulations on industrial boilers, process heaters and incinerators which, if enacted, would drive up the cost of electricity.
 - Voted to block costly new rules which would shut down U.S. cement manufacturers, raise construction costs and push jobs overseas.
 - Cosponsored and voted for legislation requiring an up-or-down vote in the Congress on any regulation costing more than \$100 million.
- ✓ Voted for an "All of the Above" approach to energy creation, including drilling for more American oil, natural gas, wind, solar, nuclear, hydro and bio-mass
- ✓ Voted to require construction of the Keystone Pipeline from Canada to U.S. Gulf refineries
- ✓ Successfully fought to block the \$2 Trillion Cap and Trade National Energy tax
- ✓ Introduced legislation to restore our nation's human space flight program and enhance our commercial space flight sector
- ✓ Worked to repeal the health care bill's burdensome 1099 mandate on small businesses

Creating Opportunities for Local Businesses and Entrepreneurs:

- Hosted six entrepreneur summits throughout Brevard, Indian River and Osceola Counties
- Organized an educational workshop on contracting with the Federal government
- Hosted educational summit on federal grant writing
- Hosted educational summit for Realtors dealing with foreclosure issues

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