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PHCC Statement in Support of H.R.7198 - The Prove It Act

August 14, 2024 - The Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors—National Association (PHCC) is the premier national building trades group serving plumbing and heating, ventilation, & air conditioning (HVAC) contractors and has been for over 140 years. Our membership includes over 3,000 open shop and signatory contractors in both the residential and commercial sectors, employing over 65,000 professionals across the United States.

The heart of our membership is comprised of small and multi-generational businesses, each of whom employ an average of 8-10 professionals. Regardless of size, plumbing and HVAC contractors operate in a highly regulated environment where compliance costs often contribute to razor-thin margins and hinder the ability for their businesses to grow and serve the needs of their communities.

The findings of the House Small Business Committee’s report on federal agencies compliance with the Regulatory Flexibility Act (RFA)¹ confirm what many PHCC members either suspected or already knew: that federal agencies often gloss over or dismiss outright the economic impact their rulemakings have on American small businesses in violation of the RFA. The Prove It Act addresses these lapses by giving small businesses more leverage to push back against burdensome regulations and demand transparency when it comes to the true impact of federal regulations on American small business.

PHCC supports the Prove It Act and is grateful to Rep. Brad Finstad for his sponsorship of this legislation.

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¹ United States House of Representatives, Committee on Small Business. *Regulatory Flexibility Act (RFA) Report: Agencies’ Noncompliance With the RFA*. Committee Staff Report (2024).
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