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# H. R. 6333

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 29, 2010

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure and Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Protecting Small Busi-  
5 nesses From Costly Regulations Act of 2010”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress finds the following:

3 (1) According to the Office of Advocacy of the  
4 Small Business Administration, the costs imposed by  
5 Federal regulations disproportionately affect small  
6 businesses as compared to larger firms.

7 (2) The cost per employee related to Federal  
8 regulations for firms with fewer than 20 employees  
9 is \$10,585, while the cost per employee for firms  
10 with 500 or more employees is \$7,755.

11 (3) The cost per employee related to Federal  
12 environmental regulations for firms with fewer than  
13 20 employees is \$1,584, while the cost per employee  
14 for firms with 500 or more employees is \$883.

15 **SEC. 3. PROHIBITION ON CERTAIN REGULATIONS.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-  
17 sion of law, the Administrator of the Environmental Pro-  
18 tection Agency may not issue a regulation that would re-  
19 sult in increased costs for a small business concern (as  
20 determined by the Administrator of the Small Business  
21 Administration), unless the regulation is—

- 22 (1) in response to a major disaster;  
23 (2) necessary to prevent a major disaster; or  
24 (3) necessary to protect human life.

1       (b) PERIOD OF EFFECT.—The prohibition under sub-  
2 section (a) shall only have effect during the one-year pe-  
3 riod beginning on the date of enactment of this Act.

4       (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the following defi-  
5 nitions apply:

6           (1) MAJOR DISASTER.—The term “major dis-  
7 aster” means a major disaster declared to exist by  
8 the President pursuant to section 401 of the Robert  
9 T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assist-  
10 ance Act (42 U.S.C. 5170).

11          (2) SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN.—The term  
12 “small business concern” has the meaning given  
13 that term in section 3 of the Small Business Act (15  
14 U.S.C. 632).

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