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Chairman Comer and Ranking Member Raskin:

Heritage Action, a conservative grassroots organization with two million grassroots activists, is glad to support H.R. 3230, *Unfunded Mandates Accountability and Transparency Act*; H.R. 890, *Guidance Out of Darkness (GOOD) Act*; and H.R. 4428, *Guidance Clarity Act*.

When used appropriately, guidance documents can be helpful tools in informing the public about agencies' views of the statutes and programs they administer. But too often, guidance is used to impose mandates on the public. Further, guidance can be difficult for the public to locate—especially for less sophisticated citizens and those without access to expensive legal counsel. H.R. 890 and H.R. 4428 would address these and other issues that plague the use of guidance, clarifying that guidance is non-binding and leveling the playing field by enhancing public access to guidance documents.

H.R. 3230 would make important changes to the regulatory process. By creating additional, earlier opportunities for the public to scrutinize and provide feedback on federal rulemakings, H.R. 3230 would lead to rules that are more firmly rooted in sound evidence and more responsive to the views of the American people.

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