



# HOW STATES CAN EMBRACE THE PRINCIPLES OF DOGE

Excessive regulations, lack of transparency, and restrictive laws hinder economic growth and limit opportunity nationwide. Here's how states can embrace the principles of DOGE by enacting reforms that cut red tape, enhance transparency, and expand access to essential services:

## 01

### **Rein in Overregulation with a REINS Act**

Too often, unelected bureaucrats impose costly regulations that stifle businesses and entrepreneurs. A state-level Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny (REINS) Act ensures that significant regulations—those with a major economic impact—require legislative approval before taking effect. This vital reform restores checks and balances, preventing agencies from unduly burdening citizens with red tape.

## 02

### **Increase Transparency on Federal Guidance Documents**

State agencies frequently receive federal guidance documents without public input or legislative oversight. These documents, while not legally binding, often have the force of law, in practice,

dictating how businesses and individuals operate. States should require full transparency and disclosure of federal guidance documents to ensure citizens and policymakers are aware of their influence. These documents should be housed either in a centralized, state-wide database, or on state agency websites.

## 03

### **Remove Harmful Certificate of Need (CON) Laws to Expand Health Care Access**

Many states still impose outdated Certificate of Need (CON) laws, which artificially restrict the supply of health care services. These laws require medical providers to get government approval before expanding facilities or offering new services - limiting competition and driving up costs. By eliminating these unnecessary barriers, states can increase access to care, lower prices, and encourage innovation in the health care sector. Patients

deserve a system that prioritizes their needs over bureaucratic protectionism.

## 04

### **Review and Remove Outdated and Obsolete Regulations**

Every state has tens of thousands of regulations and rules on the books today but many of these are either no longer enforced or no longer make sense given social and technological innovations. Keeping these on the books not only gives aggressive bureaucrats an opportunity to stretch their power but also serves to confuse and overwhelm average citizens and business owners. By mandating that agencies review and repeal these superfluous rules, states can help streamline the process of regulatory compliance and alleviate the confusion that comes from an expansive regulatory code.