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Honorable Timothy Ryan  
Solicitor  
Department of Labor  
Room S-2002  
200 Constitution Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20210

Dear Mr. Ryan:

Your agency's review of existing regulations, as announced on March 25 by the Vice President, is being followed with great interest by the Presidential Task Force on Regulatory Relief. At the direction of James C. Miller III, Executive Director of the Task Force, Jim Tozzi and I and our staffs either have already met or will shortly meet with staff from your agency for the purpose of learning how your review is proceeding and how jointly we can most effectively ensure progress in achieving the President's objectives of regulatory relief as set forth in Executive Order 12291.

We trust a close and constructive working relationship between our staffs will continue to evolve, one that will enable us regularly -- probably on a monthly basis -- to apprise the Task Force of the status of these important reviews and of the attendant regulatory relief being secured. To this end, we have asked John F. Morrall III of my staff to take on principal responsibility in following your review of occupational noise, office of federal contract compliance policy, prevailing wage, personal protective devices, and OSHA carcinogen policy, complementing the responsibilities of Arnold Strasser, the desk officer, in following the entire array of your regulatory actions. We think early and frequent discussion of workplans, timetables, alternatives being examined, and preliminary findings will best enable us to carry out our responsibilities under E.O. 12291.

We shall be in contact with you again in the near future to discuss how additional reviews may best be undertaken pursuant to a Vice Presidential announcement expected next week.

Please contact me if you have any questions or suggestions about our mutual efforts. I would appreciate your distributing this letter to those staff in your agency directly involved in the reviews cited, and I would like to be advised if someone other than yourself is to serve as your principal liaison with us for these individual reviews.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas D. Hopkins".

Thomas D. Hopkins  
Deputy Administrator  
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