



GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

December 4, 2024

Re: Identifying Policies And Regulations That May Adversely Affect Texas Small Businesses

Dear State Agency Heads:

Texas is the best state to start and run a small business, where entrepreneurs can follow their vision and achieve the American Dream.

In Texas, we pride ourselves at having government move at the speed of business. One of my priorities as Governor is to empower small business owners and entrepreneurs by providing the best environment for small business growth.

To make it even easier for small businesses to operate in Texas, I am instructing the Office of Small Business Assistance in my Economic Development and Tourism Office to recommend the elimination of rules, fees, and regulations that create barriers to the success of our small businesses and entrepreneurs.

Your input in this process is invaluable. **I ask that you identify any rules, permits, fees, or regulations in your agency that may hamper small business formation, operation, and growth.**

I created a Governor's Small Business Freedom Council, chaired by Glenn Hamer, CEO of the Texas Association of Business, and Jeff Burdett, Texas State Director of the National Federation of Independent Business, to review these recommendations and report back to my office. Your agency's Budget and Policy Advisor in my office will be reaching out with additional details.

This information will be due from state agencies by January 13, 2025. Please contact your Budget and Policy Advisor in the Governor's Office with any questions or for additional information.

Thank you for all that your agency does in the service of the great state of Texas and Texas businesses. Together, we will ensure that Texas remains the best place to live, work, and start a small business.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Abbott".

Greg Abbott
Governor

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