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*Sent via email*

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Dear Acting Administrator Rigas and Director Vought,

We, the undersigned groups and individuals, are writing in response to the General Service Administration's (GSA) dismantling of the POST Application Programming Interface (API) feature on [Regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) on August 8, 2025. Many of us have relied on the POST API feature to ensure that consumers, workers, and all individuals from across the United States are able to effectively participate in the federal regulatory process and have their voices heard. We are deeply concerned that the removal of this capability substantially stymies the ability of interested individuals to communicate with agencies about specific rules, an essential aspect of democratic participation in the regulatory process. We urge the immediate reversal of this decision and reinstatement of the POST API feature.

Public participation is the cornerstone of a fair, open, and inclusive regulatory process. This is why Congress made public participation a central feature of the Administrative Procedure Act (APA), the bedrock law governing the process that federal agencies must follow when issuing new regulations. Under the APA, federal agencies must typically allow an opportunity for the public to submit comments prior to issuing regulatory actions. Further, federal agencies must also consider and respond to those comments when finalizing a regulatory action.

Congress reaffirmed the importance of public access to government information and participation in rulemaking when it enacted the E-Government Act of 2002 to support agencies in making information available online. In accordance with the Act, GSA, in its current role managing the eRulemaking Program, launched the POST API tool to facilitate uploads of comments to [Regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) to improve the public's ability to participate in the rulemaking process.

The POST API feature enhanced public engagement by enabling entities to solicit public comments through a website or email and submit those comments to the relevant agency, without the individual commenter needing to go directly to [Regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov). Yet, without explanation, GSA has now reversed course and disabled this public engagement tool.

By preventing the public from submitting comments through the POST API tool, GSA is fundamentally undermining congressional intent to provide the public a right to comment on regulations before they take effect. While regulated entities typically participate in the regulatory process on a regular basis and are familiar with the comment process, this is not true for most individual members of the public. Rather, the vast majority of people are unlikely to be aware of [Regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov), regularly check the *Federal Register* to identify regulatory actions that will

impact them, or have the time and resources to draft and upload comments directly to Regulations.gov.

Given this reality, comments submitted using the POST API feature play an essential role in bridging the gap to allow individuals to participate meaningfully in the regulatory process by giving them the chance to weigh in with their views. In addition, if the POST API tool is permanently dismantled, federal agencies will be deprived of basic and critical information from the public on how regulatory actions will benefit or harm individuals, their families, their livelihoods, and their communities.

Ultimately, the legitimacy of the regulatory process depends on robust participation from the public, particularly individuals and not just regulated entities. If GSA continues to block participation in the regulatory process by disabling comments submissions through the POST API tool, it will deeply damage the process's integrity.

We, the undersigned groups, demand that GSA immediately restore the POST API feature on [Regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) to allow the public to once again submit comments on pending regulatory actions via the entities that share their viewpoints. Further, we demand that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) direct all agencies to extend any public comment periods that were impacted by the removal of access to the POST API tool.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

350.org  
Accountable.US/Accountable.NOW  
AdvocacyAI  
Advocates for Trans Equality  
Allegheny County Clean Air Now  
Alliance for Democracy  
Alliance of Nurses for Healthy  
    Environments  
American Atheists  
American Civil Liberties Union  
American Federation of State, County &  
    Municipal Employees  
American Governance Institute  
Americans United for Separation of Church  
    and State  
Attorneys for Animals  
Autistic Women & Nonbinary Network  
Beaver County Marcellus Awareness  
    Community (BCMAMC)  
Better Path Coalition  
Black Hills Preservation Project

Breathe Project  
CAARMA  
Carnivore Coexistence Lab  
Center for Oil & Gas Organizing  
Center for Progressive Reform  
Center for Reproductive Rights  
Center for Science in the Public Interest  
    (CSPI)  
CenterLink  
Change the Chamber  
Civic Shout  
Clean Air Council  
Clean Elections Texas  
Clean Water Action  
Climate Reality Project: Susquehanna  
    Valley PA Chapter  
Coalition for Sensible Safeguards  
Coalition on Human Needs  
Conservation Congress  
Consumer Action  
Consumer Federation of America

Consumers for Auto Reliability and Safety  
Data Rescue Project  
Demand Progress Education Fund  
Earthworks  
EDF Action  
Electronic Privacy Information Center  
(EPIC)  
Energy Alabama  
Environmental Policy Innovation Center  
Equitable Health Solutions, LLC  
Evergreen Action  
Fight for the Future  
Food & Water Watch  
FOUR PAWS USA  
FracTracker Alliance  
Free Government Information (FGI)  
Friends of Buckingham  
Gallatin Wildlife Association  
Government Information Watch  
GreenFaith  
Greenpeace USA  
Guardians of the Wolves  
Human Rights Campaign  
Ibis Reproductive Health  
Impact Fund  
International Marine Mammal Project of  
Earth Island Institute  
Izaak Walton League, Rapid City, South  
Dakota Chapter  
Kettle Range Conservation Group  
League of United Latin American Citizens  
(LULAC)  
Lobos of the Southwest  
Maryland United for Peace and Justice  
MassCOSH  
National Consumer Law Center (on behalf  
of its low-income clients)  
National Employment Law Project  
National Health Law Program  
National Women's Law Center  
Natural Resources Defense Council  
New Jersey Third Act  
Next 100 Coalition  
No False Climate Solutions PA  
Oceana

Ohio State Chair, National Association of  
Consumer Advocates  
Open Environmental Data Project  
Oregon Consumer League  
People Power United  
Physicians for Social Responsibility  
Pennsylvania  
Plan B to Save Wolves  
Planned Parenthood Federation of America  
Plastic Pollution Coalition  
Prairie Hills Audubon Society (of Western  
South Dakota)  
Preserve Montgomery County VA  
Proposition One Committee  
Protect Our Water, Heritage, Rights  
Protect PT  
Public Citizen  
Resource Renewal Institute  
RootsAction  
SafeWork Washington  
Save our Susquehanna  
Secure Elections Network  
Shriver Center on Poverty Law  
Silvix Resources  
Southern Environmental Law Center  
Stand.earth  
TeamEXtension  
The Cougar Fund  
The International Wildlife Coexistence  
Network  
The Last Plastic Straw  
The PEGI Project: Preservation of  
Electronic Government Information  
The Value Alliance  
The Wilderness Society  
Third Act Union  
Turtle Island Restoration Network  
UAW  
UltraViolet Action  
Union of Concerned Scientists  
United Church of Christ Media Justice  
Ministry  
Valparaiso Resistance  
Western Watersheds Project  
Wilderness Watch  
Wildlife for All

William E. Morris Institute for Justice  
WisCOSH, Inc  
Women's International League for Peace &  
Freedom US  
Worksafe

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