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Congressional Briefing: OMB's Backdoor War on Regulation

CPR Scholars to Detail Administration's Attack on Environmental, Health and Safety Regulations

Many of the Bush Administration's efforts to roll back environmental, health and safety regulations are centered not in the departments with the statutory obligation to regulate such areas, but rather with the Office of Management and Budget, whose Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA) wields extraordinary control over the regulatory process. "OMB's Backdoor War on Regulation" is the subject of a 90-minute briefing for Members of Congress and staff, scheduled for Friday, March 14 at 9 a.m. in Dirksen 342. Breakfast will be served.

Speakers will focus on OMB's role in rolling back regulation; debunk the technical tricks OIRA uses to devalue health, safety, and environmental protections; and analyze OMB's new proposed guidelines for cost-benefit analysis and the likelihood that they will hasten the federal retreat from environmental, worker safety, and consumer regulation.

What: "OMB's Backdoor War on Regulation," Congressional Briefing
Sponsor: The Center for Progressive Regulation
Speakers: **Thomas McGarity**, Professor of Law, University of Texas
Lisa Heinzerling, Professor of Law, Georgetown University
Sidney A. Shapiro, Professor of Law, University of Kansas
Where: Dirksen Senate Office Building, Room 342
When: Friday, March 14, 9:00 a.m. (breakfast served)

The speakers are board members of the Center for Progressive Regulation. Founded in 2002, the Center for Progressive Regulation is a nonprofit research and educational organization of university-affiliated academics with expertise in the legal, economic, and scientific issues related to regulation of health, safety, and the environment. CPR supports regulatory action to protect health, safety, and the environment, and rejects the conservative view that government's only function is to increase the economic efficiency of private markets. Through research and commentary, CPR seeks to inform policy debates, critique anti-regulatory research, enhance public understanding of the issues, and open the regulatory process to public scrutiny. More information is available at www.progressiveregulation.org, or by contacting the Matthew Freeman, CPR Media Office, at 301-762-8980 or at CPRMedia@earthlink.net.