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Creighton, Burrows File Bill to End Onerous and Confusing Regulation of Texas Small Businesses

"Texas Regulatory Consistency Act" Will Bring Uniformity and Clarity to Regulations Affecting Small Business Owners

AUSTIN – Today, Texas State Senator Brandon Creighton (R-Conroe) and State Representative Dustin Burrows (R-Lubbock) filed SB-814 and HB-2127, the "Texas Regulatory Consistency Act." These bills will provide regulatory consistency for small businesses across Texas, returning exclusive regulatory powers to the state where they belong.

State Senator Creighton said, "The Texas miracle did not happen by chance--it is a direct result of state legislative policies and a regulatory framework where the American dream can still thrive. This legislation will streamline regulations so Texas job creators can have certainty. I am happy to partner with Chairman Burrows on this critical legislation that will give businesses large and small the certainty they need to invest and expand."

State Representative Dustin Burrows said, "For too long, progressive municipal officials and agencies have made Texas small businesses jump through contradictory and confusing hoops when it comes to the current hodgepodge of onerous and burdensome regulations." Burrows added "By providing consistency of regulations affecting businesses across the state, our Texas economy will continue to grow, along with higher-paying, higher-skilled jobs. I'm grateful to Senator Creighton for his partnership in helping to level the playing field across Texas for small business owners – the engine of our state's economy."

Annie Spilman, Texas state director for the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB) said, "Small business owners across the Lone Star State are grateful for both Chairman Burrows and Senator Creighton's tireless efforts on their behalf. Amid rate hikes from the Fed, supply chain disruptions, and a worker shortage, job creators' economic uncertainty continues to be exacerbated by local regulations and mandates. The patchwork of regulations that currently exist in Texas makes it more difficult to own and operate a business and is holding back our economic recovery. This bill would give our small businesses greater certainty so they can continue to do what they do best – meet customers' needs and create jobs. We hope the 88th Legislative Session delivers a victory for Main Street."

National Federation of Independent Business partner organizations that support the "Texas Regulatory Consistency Act." include: Associated Builders and Contractors of Texas, Texas Association of Builders, Texas Society of Human Resource Management, Texas Association of Staffing, Texas Construction Association, Central Texas Subcontractors Association, Texas Hotel & Lodging Association, Texas Restaurant Association, Texas Retailers Association, Texas Association of Business, Hispanic Contractors Association, Texas Food & Fuel Association, Texas Apartment Association, Associated General Contractors- Texas Building Branch, Real Estate Councils of Texas, Texas Travel Alliance, Texas Nursery & Landscape Association, and the Theater Owners of Mid-America.