

October 6, 2015 email to:

Rebecca Strauss  
Director, Renewing America Publications  
The Council on Foreign Relations.

Ms. Strauss:

[Mr. Reeve Bull](#) of the Administrative Conference of the US, in a forthcoming publication, highlighted your very deep insights into federal regulatory policy as contained in the [Council Report](#).

I was particularly impressed with the following statements at the beginning of your report:

*“In particular, the U.S. regulatory management system, or the way in which federal regulations are designed, could be improved. The system has changed little since the early 1980s and focuses almost exclusively on cost-benefit analysis before regulations are put into place, instead of in hindsight when it is clearer whether a regulation is working.”*

*“The United States used to be the trailblazer in regulatory reform. But the rest of the rich world has caught up. Countries like Australia, Canada, and the United Kingdom can now lay claim to being at the cutting edge of regulatory management. They have implemented systems that better manage existing stock, for example, with **regulatory budgets** and automatic reviews, while also improving the filter for new regulations through empirical study.”*

Earlier we at the Center for Regulatory Effectiveness arrived at the same [conclusion](#):

*“Starting in the 1970’s the United States was without question the world leader in establishing centralized regulatory review; but in the area of controlling the cumulative cost of regulations the United States has taken no real action since in 1979 when the Carter Administration developed a prototype regulatory budget for*

*the Environmental Protection Agency and its attendant Regulatory Cost Accounting Act.”*

We at the [Center for Regulatory Effectiveness](#) not only share your concern but have initiated a pro-active program to restore the US to its leadership position in the establishment of sound regulatory programs.

To this end please see: [OIRA Student Writing Competition](#) , [OIRA Teaching Module](#) and [OIRA Watch](#)

Hopefully the Council will prepare another report which describes actions underway, both in and outside of government, to have the US regain its leadership position, the need for which is so well documented in your report.

Respectfully,

[Jim Tozzi](#)

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