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President Trump Seeks to Embed Anti-Protections Agenda at Agencies with New Executive Order

Robert Verchick, President of the Center for Progressive Reform, released the following statement on President Donald Trump's executive order on implementing his anti-protections agenda:

"This afternoon, President Donald Trump signed an executive order directing federal agencies to establish so-called "regulatory reform task forces" to identify lists of rules for elimination, replacement, or modification. Though the president claims he is simply seeking to enforce his arbitrary "one-in, two-out" executive order and executive orders from past presidents, this new order is clearly aimed at embedding his overtly political, anti-protections agenda at federal agencies that are supposed to be using science and expertise to safeguard us all.

"Following up on Steve Bannon's promise of 'deconstruction' yesterday, agencies are once again being asked to waste scarce resources to target policies industry doesn't like instead of protecting the American people and responding to new and emerging health, safety, and environmental hazards. This is not a good use of staff time at our federal agencies.

"In the end, this latest executive order is further evidence that the president is far more interested in doing special favors for his industry friends than he is in protecting American families and communities from polluted air and water, contaminated food, and dangerous workplaces."

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