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“Slash and Burn”

President Trump gleefully bragged about signing over 100 new Executive Orders this week, wielding his marker pen like a sword. The objective appears to be “anything that requires our country to follow rules must go.”

Rules and regulations are established for specific purposes - to protect the public from harm, to provide clarity for decision making, to establish reasonable objectives that help our country operate on a fair and open relationship.

Unfortunately the objective of “**slashing and burning**” existing regulations appears to be simply to make it easier for companies and affluent citizens to operate without restrictions that are in place to protect our country and avoid unlawful or harmful activities. This seems to be little relationship to the objective of “Reducing cost, fraud and abuse”, the original goals of DOGE.

Starting with Trump's firing of Attorneys General in his first week, so much of the damage continues to take away the protections that are necessary to keep our country safe. Doing away with regulations may feel good to those who can now get away with unfettered disregard to harms for our safety, or allow the rich and powerful to acquire more wealth at the expense of others, but that is not what a caring democracy should reflect.

Particularly offensive is Trump's method of unfettered cancelling of regulations with no notice or public review. There appears to be no thought about any negative effects that might happen because of the changes.

The following items will highlight some of Trump's recent “Slash and Burn” activities.

In the News

Politico 4/10/25 Trump directs agencies to quietly repeal regulations — without public notice.

“Trump directs agencies to quietly repeal regulations — without public notice President Donald Trump has instructed federal agencies and their assigned DOGE teams to repeal any existing regulations that are inconsistent with his priorities without providing advance notice or going through the traditional public input process.” [Read More](#)

The HILL 4/10/25 - Trump orders agencies to ‘sunset’ environmental protections

“Adding a sunset provision without going through a full notice-and-comment proceedings for each regulation to be newly subject to a sunset provision seems intended to skirt the vetting and public accountability required by consistency doctrine,” [Read More](#)