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Dear Lawmaker:

On behalf of Americans for Prosperity-West Virginia activists across the state, I urge you to support HB 4645, establishing the Office of Regulatory and Fiscal Affairs (ORFA). This vote may be recorded in our 2020 session legislative scorecard.

HB 4645—sponsored by Delegates Householder, Criss, Barrett, and Bates—would improve government quality and good stewardship of taxpayer dollars by helping lawmakers examine the fiscal impacts of proposed legislation and the economic impacts of new and old regulations with a fiscal or economic impact greater than \$1 million. Serving as legislative staff, the Office of Regulatory and Fiscal Affairs will serve as the first step for lawmakers to get independent and unbiased information on the potential effects of legislative proposals and rules by providing truly reliable estimates of their cost and impact on West Virginia's economy and citizens.

- Conducting independent analysis along with the generation of accurate fiscal notes before making decisions about legislation and regulations will ensure that decisions are accurately informed, and any potential consequences are properly considered.
- Such analysis will be made publicly available, ensuring transparency and offering possibility for citizens and stakeholders to participate more fully in the legislative and rulemaking processes.
- ORFA analyses will be thorough, independent and reliable, thereby improving the quality of government decisions in our state.

AFP-WV supports HB 4645 because it is a fundamental step towards improving government quality. We believe that the creation of the Office of Regulatory and Fiscal Affairs is the kind of reform that will positively impact our state, ensuring that lawmakers are making more empirically informed fiscal decisions. HB 4645 represents responsible public policy that will help remove barriers to economic opportunities and opens the doors for all West Virginians to succeed.

For these reasons, I urge you to vote yes in support of HB 4645.

Sincerely,

Jason Huffman
West Virginia State Director
Americans for Prosperity