



Policymakers must not forget how vital chemicals are to the supply chain when it comes to making the things America can't live without. New proposed restrictions from the Biden Administration, however, could limit access to and the cost of essential products, harm the U.S. economy, and jeopardize American competitiveness in the global market.

What West Virginians believe about regulatory overreach on the chemical sector:

- **Nearly two-thirds of West Virginia adults (65%)** agree expanded chemical regulations could be harmful to the U.S. renewable energy industry, including more than one-third who strongly agree.
- **West Virginians overwhelmingly express concern** about how additional restrictions on the U.S. chemical sector could impact renewable energy - 74% are somewhat or very concerned about the potential for fewer jobs and reduced consumer access to it.
- **81% of West Virginians**, including 68% of Democrats, agree that with high inflation causing financial strife for families across the U.S., now is not the time for new federal restrictions that could increase the cost of goods like vehicles, homes, consumer electronics, and household products.
- **79% of West Virginians**, including 63% of Democrats, are concerned about the potential impact of increased restrictions on the U.S. chemical sector on local economies who depend on it for jobs and economic activity.
- **75% of West Virginians**, including 66% of Democrats, agree that new laws and restrictions on the chemical sector should not come at the expense of the United States' competitiveness in the global economy.
- **78% of West Virginians**, including 80% of Democrats, agree that the Biden Administration should review additional restrictions proposed by agencies like the EPA more carefully.

- **75% of West Virginians** agree that the EPA should do more to ensure that the restrictions they impose don't harm the U.S. economy.

 - **More than half of West Virginians** agree that the EPA imposes an excessive number of restrictions (66%), and that the EPA reaches beyond its regulatory authority (62%).

 - **West Virginians agree** that regulatory overload is harmful to:
 - The affordability of products, including medicine, for American families (77%)
 - The U.S. Economy (75%)
 - The amount of good produced in the U.S. (75%)
 - U.S. Energy Production (68%)
 - Technical Innovation in the U.S., including renewable energy (67%)
 - U.S. economic edge against countries like China and Russia (65%)
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