



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 Montanans believe about regulatory overreach on the chemical sector:

- **Montanans agree** that additional restrictions imposed on U.S. chemical production could create obstacles for state-wide infrastructure projects (61%), disrupt supply chain issues for computer chips and similar products (59%), and undercut efforts to increase EV adoption (57%).
- **Most adults in Montana** express concern about one or more of the projected outcomes of the EPA rules tested in the survey, with supply chain disruptions garnering the most intense responses (31% very concerning).
- **80% of Montanans**, including 70% 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.
- **74% of Montanans**, including 61% 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.
- **72% of Montanans**, 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.
- **67% of Montanans**, including 66% of Democrats, agree that the Biden Administration should review additional restrictions proposed by agencies like the EPA more carefully.

- **69% of Montanans** 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 Montanans** agree that the EPA imposes an excessive number of restrictions (53%), and that the EPA reaches beyond its regulatory authority (51%).

 - **Montanans agree** that regulatory overload is harmful to:
 - The U.S. Economy (75%)
 - The amount of goods produced in the U.S. (73%)
 - The affordability of products, including medicine, for American families (72%)
 - U.S. Energy Production (69%)
 - U.S. economic edge against countries like China and Russia (68%)
 - Technical Innovation in the U.S., including renewable energy (67%)
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This poll was conducted between August 11–August 18, 2023, among a sample of 201 Montana Adults. The interviews were conducted online. Results from the full survey have a margin of error of plus or minus 7 percentage points.

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