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FARB Statement re Biden Executive Order on “Promoting Competition”

[Schaumburg, IL] [July 28, 2021] President Biden’s issuance of a new [Executive Order](#) regarding “Promoting Competition in the American Economy,” coupled with new concerns about public safety stemming from the recent condominium collapse in Surfside, Florida, “spotlights the need to carefully consider the value of reasonable regulation as a means of protecting both the consumers, the greater public and our economy,” according to the [Federation of Associations of Regulatory Boards](#) (FARB).

FARB, composed of national regulatory associations and jurisdictional licensing boards, has a stated mission that is “to advance excellence in regulation of the professions in the interest of public protection.”

“The President’s Executive Order referencing ‘banning or limiting...unnecessary, cumbersome occupational licensing requirements that impede economic mobility’ invites an important discussion regarding what remains necessary, reasonable and helpful,” according to FARB Executive Director Barbara Arango. The FARB community strives to inform public policy discussions regarding the utility of reasonable regulation, including consistent approaches across jurisdictional boundaries, through its network of non-profit executives, government leaders and legal staff specializing in regulatory law.

“It is essential the focus of the President’s Executive Order preserve an interest in the ongoing protection of the public, including public safety as well as economic health, and not be misdirected into enabling extreme approaches promoting anti-licensure efforts,” FARB officials said. “We stand ready to provide feedback and offer solid examples of ‘best practice regulation’ to assure the impact of the Executive Order avoids the economic risks inherent in a misapplication of the President’s directives.”

About FARB

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