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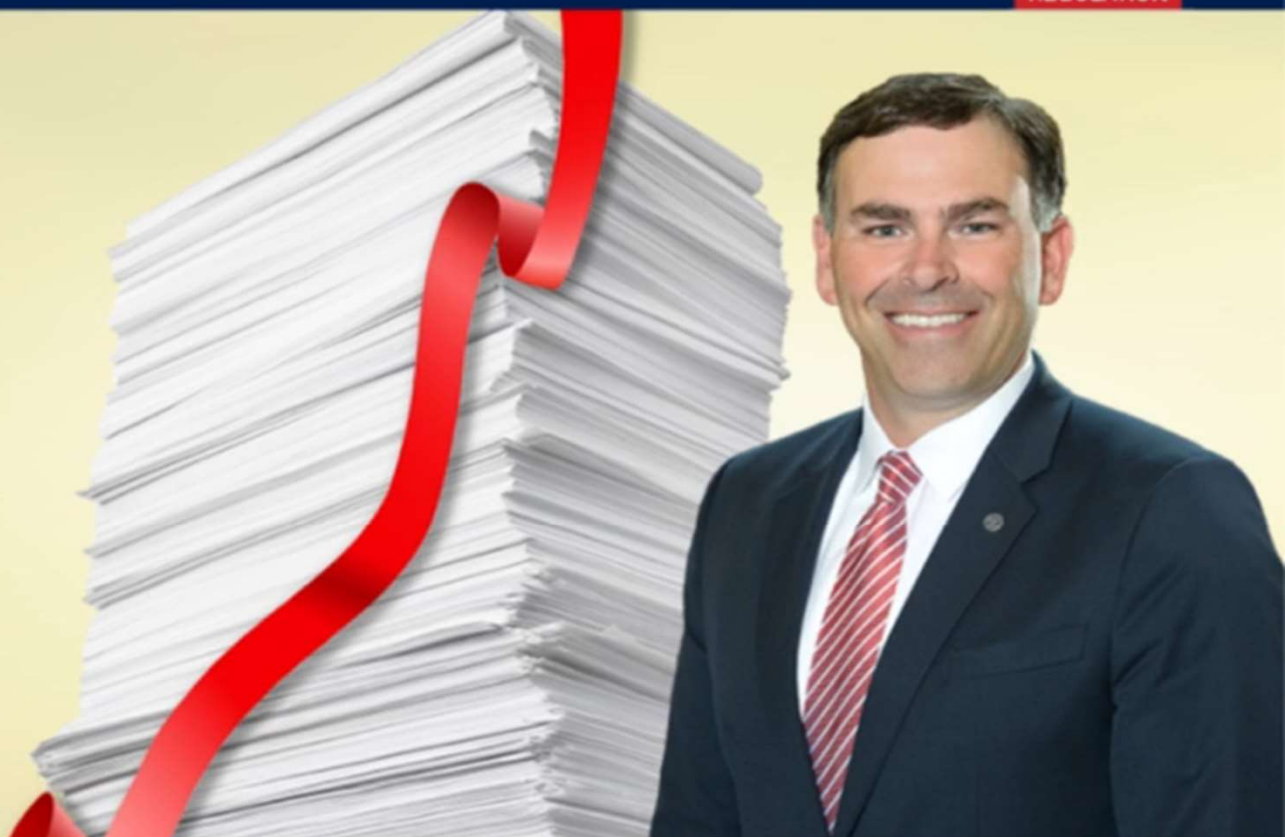


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Rid the **RED** in Mississippi


Tackle the Tape sets out to cut regulations that are anticompetitive and do not substantially further the safety and well-being of our citizens. The Secretary of State's Office has always served as a premier resource for the business community, and Secretary Michael Watson understands the impact burdensome red tape regulations have on our state's economy. Tackle the Tape will help increase economic opportunities for all Mississippians by promoting competition and encouraging innovation and job growth.



The PLAN

To efficiently review all 118,000 regulations in Mississippi's regulatory code, we have outlined a comprehensive strategic plan called 29 by 29.

This review plan will serve as a roadmap within the Tackle the Tape initiative with an end goal of reviewing every regulation for all 29 occupational licensing boards and commissions by the year 2029. Click [here](#) to see the full plan.



THE TAPE

Mississippi Administrative Code

118,000
RESTRICTIONS

9.3
MILLION WORDS

518
HOURS TO READ

The governing code of regulations for Mississippi is known as the Mississippi Administrative Code (Admin. Code). The Admin. Code contains roughly 118,000 restrictions and 9.3 million words. It would take an individual 518 hours, or almost 13 weeks, to read the Admin. Code from beginning to end.

The STATS



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Currently, per capita, Mississippi is the most regulated state in the South.

Over the last 60 years, the number of jobs requiring occupational licenses in Mississippi has grown from 4% to nearly 20%.

According to the Justice Institute, Mississippi loses out on more than 13,000 job-creating opportunities each year due to our licensing regulations.

A study from the National Bureau of Economic Research found that occupational licensing reduces Mississippi's labor supply by 17 to 27%.

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