#GivingTuesday: Why You Should Support the GW Regulatory Studies Center

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Working in the ‘world of ideas’ makes for interesting conversation at the Thanksgiving dinner table, inevitably leading to the question, “So, what is it that you do?” It isn’t the easiest question to answer. When I worked in masonry the answer was straightforward, “I build walls made out of cinder blocks and mortar.” As a therapist for children with autism I helped develop the building blocks of young minds. While working at a sandwich shop in college I built delicious lunchtime meals (with a few moped deliveries too!). But, what does the Regulatory Studies Center do? Why should you support our mission to improve regulatory policy through research, education, and outreach? Here are three reasons:

1) **We have built an expansive library of regulatory insights.** In the past year our team of scholars published or was cited in the *Wall Street Journal*, *Politico*, *The Hill*, *Forbes*, *New York Times*, *NPR*, *USA Today*, *Bloomberg*, *Washington Post*, *E&E News*, *Law 360*, *Government Executive*, and Alan Greenspan & Adrian Woolridge’s new book, *Capitalism in America*. Research professor Bridget Dooling was a featured guest on NPR’s *Planet Money* & the *Federal Drive with Tom Temin* podcast, and director Susan Dudley’s *Forbes* articles generated thousands of views.

We also published articles in the *Journal of Law & Politics*, the *Supreme Court Economic Review*, the *Environment Systems and Decisions* journal, the *Regulatory Review*, Yale’s *Journal on Regulation - Notice & Comment*, and Society for Benefit-Cost Analysis’ *On Balance*. Senior scholar Howard Beales was also cited by the U.S. Court of Appeals - 11th Circuit in *LabMD, Inc. v. Federal Trade Commission*.

Over the past year our productive and growing team published over 100 documents, including numerous public interest comments filed on regulatory proposals, and were regularly called upon by news outlets, executive agencies, congressional offices, and industry leaders to provide deep insights into the issues that matter most in regulatory policy.
2) **We have built an impressive team.** Three new staff members joined our research team just this year. Bridget Dooling and Jerry Ellig joined us as research professors, and Mark Fibrizio adds depth to our insightful group of policy analysts. Bridget joins us after years of experience at the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Jerry spent the previous year as the Federal Communication Commission’s chief economist, and Mark recently completed his master’s degree in economics. All of them are poised to expand our ability to effectively communicate real solutions for policymakers across the federal government. I also joined the team this year to help expand our outreach, social media, and event planning capabilities!

We continue to sponsor fellowships and internships that give students real-world experience in the development and implementation of regulatory policy. Our unparalleled team of educators teach the next generation of policymakers.

3) **We are building towards ambitious goals.** Next year marks our 10th anniversary at The George Washington University, and we plan to celebrate the achievement. Over just the past few months we have co-hosted events with Deloitte, AU’s Kogod School of Business, the Gruter Institute, the Society for Benefit-Cost Analysis, the American Bar Association, and the GW Trachtenberg School. Hundreds of people attended these events to hear from thought leaders in government, universities, and industry about the future of regulation, as we have a unique ability to convene balanced conversations about regulatory policy. This year we hosted OIRA administrators from the Clinton, Bush, Obama, and Trump presidencies as well as bipartisan congressional staff to celebrate 25 years of Executive Order 12866 and look to what the future holds for this important rulemaking process. Over the next year we will expand the reach of our weekly Regulation Digest, educate new congressional staff, and launch new initiatives to communicate our ideas. With your help we’ll be able to do all of that and more.

Your contribution to support our mission today will help us reach more students, host cutting-edge, widely-attended events, and continue to be the hub for rigorous, applied academic research of regulatory policy in our nation’s capital. We are a growing organization that makes a real impact in the world, and **your contribution will help us continue to make a difference**.

Thank you for helping the Regulatory Studies Center build towards a better future.