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FACT SHEET: PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP REINS IN INDEPENDENT AGENCIES TO RESTORE A GOVERNMENT THAT ANSWERS TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

RESTORING DEMOCRACY AND ACCOUNTABILITY IN GOVERNMENT: Today, President Donald J. Trump signed an Executive Order ensuring that all federal agencies are accountable to the American people, as required by the Constitution. Under this Executive Order:

- The Order notes that Article II of the U.S. Constitution vests all executive power in the President, meaning that *all* executive branch officials and employees are subject to his supervision.
- Therefore, because all executive power is vested in the President, all agencies must: (1) submit draft regulations for White House review—with no carve-out for so-called independent agencies, except for the monetary policy functions of the Federal Reserve; and (2) consult with the White House on their priorities and strategic plans, and the White House will set their performance standards.
- The Office of Management and Budget will adjust so-called independent agencies' apportionments to ensure tax dollars are spent wisely.
- The President and the Attorney General (subject to the President's supervision and control) will interpret the law for the executive branch, instead of having separate agencies adopt conflicting interpretations.

REINING IN INDEPENDENT AGENCIES: So-called independent agencies like the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), Federal Communications Commission (FCC), and Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) have exercised enormous power over the American people without Presidential oversight.

- These agencies issue rules and regulations that cost billions of dollars and implicate some of the most controversial policy matters, and they do so

without the review of the democratically elected President.

- They also spend American tax dollars and set priorities without consulting the President, while setting their own performance standards.
- Now they will no longer impose rules on the American people without oversight or accountability.

ENSURING A GOVERNMENT THAT ANSWERS TO THE PEOPLE: This order fulfills President Trump's promise to restore constitutional governance and accountability to the entire executive branch.

- Executive power without responsibility has no place in our Republic. The United States was founded on the principle that the government should be accountable to the people. That is why the Founders created a single President who is alone vested with "the executive Power" and responsibility to "take Care that the Laws be faithfully executed."
- Voters and the President can now hold all Federal agencies—not just Cabinet departments—responsible for their decisions, as the Constitution demands.

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