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## Small Business Legislative Council (SBLC) Identifies Top Priorities for 2015

Washington, DC – The Small Business Legislative Council (SBLC) announced today that the Council's top priorities for 2015 will be tax reform, health care, regulatory relief and infrastructure.

As determined by the SBLC's Board of Directors, in 2015, the SBLC will continue its efforts to support meaningful tax reforms that provide simplification and certainty for small businesses while opposing tax reforms that place an unequal burden on small and closely held businesses. The SBLC will also be focused on advancing legislation and regulations to improve the Affordable Care Act as well as promoting infrastructure investment to protect the American economy and ensure that all businesses have the tools and systems needed for success and growth. On the regulatory level, the SBLC will work to engage administrative agencies to address the high regulatory burdens which are stifling small business growth.

"Small business is a fundamental piece of a dynamic and growing economy" said SBLC Chair Roy Littlefield, Executive Vice President at Tire Industry Association. "It is therefore essential that Congress and the agencies keep small business in mind when passing laws and establishing regulations and recognize that small businesses cannot continue to absorb unlimited new burdens while still remaining successful."

"We are excited for 2015," said SBLC President and General Counsel, Paula Calimafde. "Because of the diverse membership of our member organizations, the SBLC has a unique insight into the interests and concerns of thousands of successful small businesses across the country. We look forward to continuing to work with Congress and the Administration to ensure that small business continues to be a vital and successful part of the American economy."

The SBLC is an independent, permanent coalition of 60 diverse national trade and professional associations whose goal is to maximize the advocacy and presence of small business on Federal legislative and regulatory policy issues, and to disseminate information on the impact of public policy on small businesses.