

# Improving Court Access to Challenge Bureaucratic Regulations

**In many states, citizens who want to fight back against burdensome, costly, or outdated bureaucratic regulations are forced to travel hundreds of miles to exercise their rights in court.**

This makes a court battle even more expensive and takes people away from family and work. Most of these courts are located in the state capital alongside the bureaucratic agencies that make the rules citizens are contesting.

**These court restrictions are problematic because they...**



...give unelected bureaucrats a home-field advantage to **defend their own policies in friendly courts.**



...place **heavy burdens on businesses and individuals** who can't afford to spend days or weeks in the state capital.



...force citizens to play ball in a rigged game that **favors capital city lawyers and bureaucrats.**

## THE SOLUTION

Expand access to civic participation in regulatory processes by allowing courts in locations across the state to hear cases that involve challenges to bureaucratic regulations.

## WHY IT MATTERS

Requiring the bureaucratic agencies to defend their actions in courts where those impacted live and work will increase accountability and help level the playing field for challengers.

## THE BOTTOM LINE:

**Challenging a burdensome regulation shouldn't require excessive travel or costs, and agencies shouldn't be afforded an unfair home-field advantage.**