



Streamlining State Business Regulatory Processes To Support Economic Recovery

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NGA Center for Best Practices

Agenda

- I. Welcome and Overview of the Project
- II. State Presentations
- III. Moderated Discussion and Q&A
- IV. Wrap Up and Close

The National Governors Association (NGA)

Founding

A 1908 meeting of President Theodore Roosevelt and governors led to the creation of NGA.



Photo: The first meeting of the nation's governors, convened by President Theodore Roosevelt in Washington D.C., 1908.

What We Do

- NGA is the nonpartisan organization of the nation's governors.
- Through NGA, governors identify priority issues and address public policy at the state, national and global levels.
- The NGA Center for Best Practices is the only research & consulting firm that directly serves governors, and helps them develop and implement innovative solutions to public policy challenges.
- Our Government Relations team ensures that states are a strong voice in Washington, D.C.
- We also provide management consultative services to both new and incumbent governors, their senior executive staff and trusted advisors.

The NGA Center for Best Practices

Services:

- Customized Technical Assistance
- Multi-State Consortia and Peer Learning
- Research & Published Reports

Program Areas:

- Children & Families
- Cybersecurity
- Energy and Environment
- Healthcare Cost and Coverage
- Health Data & Workforce
- Health Systems
- Homeland Security
- Infrastructure
- K-12 Education
- Post Secondary Education
- Public Health
- Public Safety & Legal Counsels
- **Workforce Development & Economic Policy**



Photo: Governor Reynolds, NGA Chair Governor Hutchinson and Governor Pritzker at the NGA Winter Meeting in 2020.

NGA Supporting Governors, States in COVID-19 Response, Reopening & Recovery

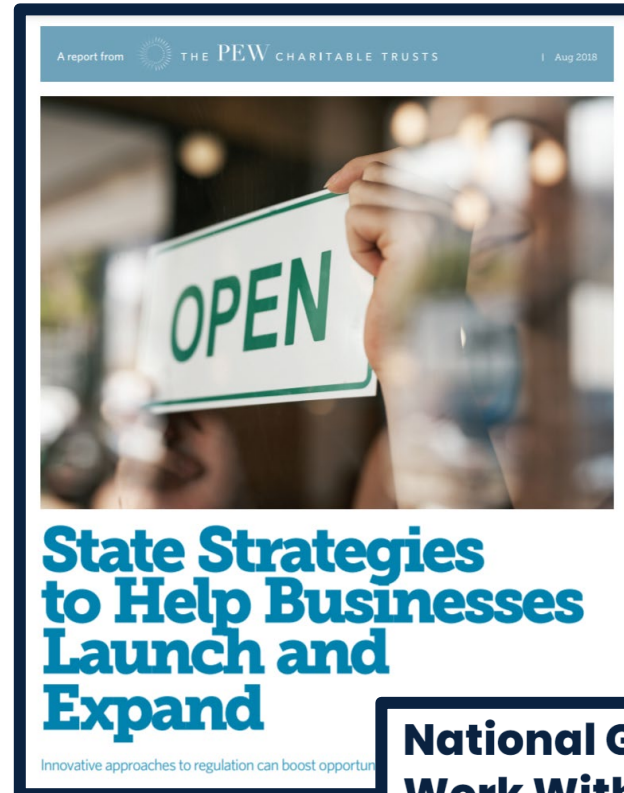
NGA has an internal taskforce coordinating the organization's services to governors on response, reopening, and recovery work through:

- [Coronavirus Page](#) and [Policy Resources](#)
 - Tracking key state and federal actions
 - NGA resources and written products
- Supporting coordination and information-sharing among governors
- Communicating governors' priorities with the White House and Congress
- Customized technical assistance including regular calls, roundtables, research and policy guidance
- Dedicated work to support states' efforts in stabilization and recovery:
 - Webinars, policy events and economic briefings for governors' senior staff
 - Current projects for governors' economic policy advisors & economic development leaders on: entrepreneurship; streamlining business regulations; rural issues; defense industry resilience; advanced manufacturing

NGA-Pew Policy Academy on Business Regulations

Objectives

- Support states to examine state government can remove barriers for businesses to launch, grow and succeed.
- Expand state capacity to identify and pursue regulatory changes — including executive orders, pilot programs, funding strategies and legislative changes — that enable businesses to thrive.



National Governors Association To Work With 5 States On Improving Business Regulations

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“Since I’ve been governor, Rhode Island has eliminated more than 8,000 pages of red tape by streamlining onerous processes and eliminating outdated and redundant regulations. I look forward to continuing our work and examining our building and land use regulations as a mechanism to further enhance our economic development.” – Former Rhode Island Governor Gina Raimondo



“Our states thrive when business thrives, and decreasing regulatory burdens is one way to ensure continued success,” – Tennessee Governor Bill Lee

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Examples of state-level regulatory changes and process improvements made during the pandemic

New portals to facilitate small business support

Remove in-person requirements

Enhance business registration and licensing

Improve process to review and approve permits

Aiding longer-term economic recovery by applying lessons from the state pandemic response

Mandate a task force review of business regulations and processes

Set quantifiable goals and targets

Fortify communication between commerce and regulatory agencies

Looking forward: Streamlining state regulatory processes for economic recovery

Modernize regulatory compliance

Streamline processes for opening a new business

Clarify & simplify business location regulations

Expand flexibility in occupational licensing

State Presentations



Max Gigle
Program Manager
Connecticut Digital Service



Mike Preston
Secretary of Commerce &
Executive Director
Arkansas Economic
Development Commission



Ashley Colvin
Associate Director, Planning,
Evaluation & Regulation
Virginia Department of
Planning and Budget



Rob Dixon
Director
Missouri Department of
Economic Development