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2026 **Regulating Transportation Networks (Hoover Institution virtual panel — organizer and panelist)**

2026 **Regulatory Crosswinds: Can the US and EU Stay Aligned? — presentation, GW Regulatory Studies Center**

2026 **THRED Talks at SAMCEDA's 73rd Annual Meeting**

2026 **JMI Tech Conference Panel**

2026 **Small Business Administration Webinar on Policy/Regulatory Interventions Targeting the Wrong Margin**

2026 **Computational Law as a Blueprint for AI Reasoning (CodeX FutureLaw 2026, Stanford Law School — panelist)**

2026 **Ridiculous Regs and How to Stop Them – Solutions Summit Panel**

2025 **ALEC Regulatory Reform Academy (Billings, Montana)**

2025 **SIEPR Workshop on Budget Analysis and Public Policy – Patrick McLaughlin Presentation**

2025 **Invited Talk at Heritage on Economics of Regulation/Deregulation**

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Congressional & Legislative Testimony (31)

2026 **Regulatory Reform in Louisiana: An Opportunity for Greater Economic Growth.** Patrick McLaughlin testified before the Louisiana House Special Committee on Regulatory Reform, presenting research on the economic costs of Louisiana's regulatory accumulation and recommending reform models based on examples from Virginia, Idaho, and British Columbia. The testimony drew on peer-reviewed work quantifying how regulatory growth slows GDP and harms households, and previewed findings from an upcoming Pelican Institute report modeling the economic gains from reducing Louisiana's regulatory stock by 10–40 percent.

2025 **Regulatory Reform in Wisconsin: An Opportunity for Greater Economic Growth.** Testimony before the Wisconsin Senate Committee on Licensing, Regulatory Reform, State and Federal Affairs and the Wisconsin Assembly Committee on Government Operations, Accountability, and Transparency.

2025 **Barriers to Supply Chain Modernization and Factory Productivity Enhancements.** Testimony before the Joint Economic Committee.

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