

Commission to Relocate the Federal Bureaucracy Act

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Background: During his first term in office, President Trump moved several federal agencies to locations across the country. The president relocated the Bureau of Land Management's D.C. headquarters to Grand Junction, Colorado. He also sent the Department of Agriculture's Economic Research Service and National Institute of Food and Agriculture to Kansas City, Missouri. In his second term, President-elect Trump seeks to move as many as 100,000 employees out of Washington, D.C. The Commission to Relocate the Federal Bureaucracy Act will establish a Commission to study and report to Congress on a plan to relocate non-national security related agencies to states across the country based on a variety of factors. This bill will decentralize the power that is held by unelected bureaucrats inside the Beltway and put agencies in touch with those most impacted by their burdensome rules and regulations.

Summary: The Commission to Relocate the Federal Bureaucracy Act would:

1. Establish a Commission, composed of various senior White House officials and cabinet secretaries, to study the relocation of non-national security related agencies out of the D.C. Metro Area and issue a report to Congress within one year with its findings.
2. The Commission will be composed of the Director of the White House Presidential Personnel Office, the Director of the Office of Personnel Management, the Comptroller General of the Government Accountability Office, among various agency heads.
3. The Commission will base their relocation decisions for each agency on the following factors:
 - a. Financial Efficiency: whether an area's cost of living is below the national average.
 - b. Existing Infrastructure: whether an area has adequate pre-existing infrastructure and availability of private land to be used for agency purposes.
 - c. Related Industries: areas where there exist both public and private sector institutions and partners that strengthen the agency's ability to carry out its duties.
 - d. Remote Work Experience: Whether the covered agency has operated, at any point within the last 5 years, with a sizable portion of its workforce working remotely.