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BI-PARTISAN CONSENSUS

Both Democratic and Republican administrations have called for reducing these burdensome licensing requirements.

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¹ Calculation based on information in Professor Morris Kleiner’s February 2, 2016, testimony before the U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary.