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## The JOBS Act 4.0

### *Legislation to Accelerate Economic Growth and Spur Job Creation*

Ten years ago, the Jumpstart Our Business Startups (JOBS) Act was signed into law. This remarkably successful bipartisan legislation opened new avenues for companies to raise capital. For example, it created a streamlined path for new startups to go public as “emerging growth companies.” Since 2014, emerging growth companies have accounted [for almost](#) 90% of all initial public offerings.

Despite the success of the JOBS Act, more work remains to be done to maintain America’s position as a global leader in active and efficient capital markets. In February 2021, U.S. Senate Banking Committee Ranking Member Pat Toomey (R-Pa.) [announced requests](#) for legislative proposals to increase economic growth and job creation by facilitating capital formation. In response, Committee Republicans received 35 submissions with more than 150 legislative proposals from a wide variety of bipartisan organizations and stakeholders.

The discussion draft of the JOBS Act 4.0 takes into account stakeholder feedback and represents the collective efforts of Senate Republicans to draft nearly 30 pieces of legislation, 24 of which have been introduced as a stand-alone measure, including some with bipartisan support.

#### The JOBS Act 4.0 will:

- **Encourage companies to be publicly-traded** — includes eight initiatives to encourage companies to become publicly-traded, particularly during earlier growth stages, when investors have the chance to earn the highest returns.
- **Improve the market for private capital** — includes six initiatives to reduce costs associated with seeking capital by appropriately tailoring regulations for small businesses.
- **Enhance retail investor access to investment opportunities** — includes eight initiatives to prevent retail investors from being excluded from certain investment opportunities.
- **Improve regulatory oversight** — includes seven initiatives to enhance investor protection and privacy and to update outdated statutory and regulatory provisions.

Committee Republicans will collect feedback on the discussion draft through June 3, 2022. To submit feedback, please email [submissions@banking.senate.gov](mailto:submissions@banking.senate.gov).