

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

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The Honorable Jeffrey Zients
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Dear Deputy Director Zients:

We listened with great interest to the President's call in his State of the Union address for a review of executive branch agencies, and welcomed the message in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2012 Budget expressing the President's commitment to developing a reorganization proposal. We share your goal of organizing executive branch functions in a manner that results in the most effective and efficient delivery of critical programs and services.

The FY 2012 Budget states that, "In the coming months, the Administration will develop a proposal to merge, consolidate, and reorganize the Federal Government in a way that best serves the goal of a more competitive America."


Reorganization of the executive branch is a shared responsibility. Accordingly, while we understand that your proposals are in an early stage of development, we ask that you provide the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform and the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs with a tentative timeline for development and implementation of the reorganization proposal, as well as regular updates during the review. Further, we recommend that we be brought into the process early on, so that we can contribute collaboratively in the process of developing a proposal.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.


Sincerely,



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