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Opening Statement on H.R. 7101,
The Periodically Listing Updates to Management Act of 2020 (PLUM Act)
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I introduced the Periodically Listing Updates to Management Act of 2020—or the PLUM Act—with Chairman Connolly and Rep. Sarbanes to increase the transparency and accountability of senior leaders in the Executive Branch.

The PLUM Act would require the Office of Personnel Management to maintain a current, publicly available directory of senior government leaders online.

Currently, a comprehensive list of positions appointed by the President is available only once every four years in a publication referred to as the Plum Book. The Plum Book provides only a snapshot in time and does not reflect changes that occur between publications. As a result, current information about senior Administration officials is often outdated and difficult to find.

The PLUM Act would implement recommendations made by the Government Accountability Office and the Administrative Conference of the United States. The PLUM Act would modernize the current publication of the Plum Book and align it with modern data standards.

The Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee approved a similar bill, and the PLUM Act was strongly endorsed by a bipartisan group of 20 civil society organizations.

The American public has a right to know who is making policy decisions in the Executive Branch. The PLUM Act would improve government transparency, modernize the way government does business, and bring the Plum Book into the 21st Century.

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