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The Honorable Gene L. Dodaro
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Dear Mr. Dodaro:

Congress has tried to improve the efficiency of the federal government by encouraging specific, goal-oriented planning. To that end, the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) of 1993 required agencies to develop annual performance goals and report on progress.

Congress has also attempted to reduce unhelpful and burdensome work for federal agencies. The GPRA Modernization Act of 2010 (GPRAMA; Pub. L. 111-352) requires agencies to annually identify unnecessary reports based on guidance provided by the Director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Specifically, GPRAMA requires agencies to compile a list of all plans and reports they produce for Congress, identify which plans and reports are outdated or duplicative, and consult with the congressional committees that receive the plans and reports to determine whether those plans and reports are no longer useful to the committees and could be eliminated or consolidated.

In order to help gauge the effectiveness of agency actions in response to the GPRAMA, we request that the Government Accountability Office conduct a review to address the following questions:

1. Are federal agencies actually complying with GPRAMA requirements by generating a list that identifies all plans and reports they produce for Congress?
2. How do federal agencies evaluate which reports are outdated and duplicative?
3. How are agencies consulting with congressional committees in identifying outdated or duplicative reports?
4. How are agencies informing congressional committees of reports deemed outdated or duplicative?

The Honorable Gene Dodaro

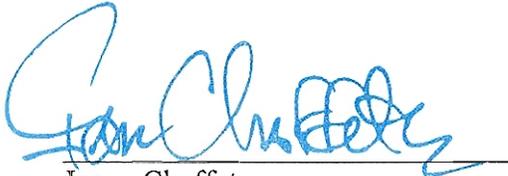
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5. How does OMB compile the list of duplicative or outdated reports to be provided to Congress?

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. Please contact Katy Rother of the Oversight Committee Majority staff at (202) 225-5074 or Krista Boyd of the Minority staff at (202) 225-5051 with any questions about this request.

Sincerely,



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