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The Honorable Peter Orszag
Director
The Office of Management and Budget
727 17th Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20503

Dear Director Orszag,

We write to bring to your personal attention two Government Accountability Office (GAO) reports we requested: Agencies Need to Implement Federal Desktop Core Configuration Requirements (GAO-10-202) and Concerted Effort Needed to Consolidate and Secure Internet Connections and Federal Agencies (GAO-10-237). Copies of the reports are enclosed.

We believe the success of the two initiatives – the Federal Desktop Core Configuration (FDCC) and the Trusted Internet Connections (TIC) – is critical for increasing the security of federal networks and systems. Both GAO reports make clear that a number of steps should be taken to increase the likelihood of success. To that end, we are pleased that OMB has concurred with GAO's findings, conclusions, and recommendations.

Given the importance of these initiatives, we would like to know what specific actions OMB will take to implement the eight recommendations contained in these reports and the timeframe for those actions. We request that you report to the Committee by April 30th with specific information on the actions OMB will be taking.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Adam Sedgewick at (202) 224-2627 with Senator Lieberman's staff, Devin O'Brien at (202) 224-4751 with Senator Collins's staff, and Erik Hopkins with Senator Carper's staff at (202) 224-7155.

Sincerely,



Joseph I. Lieberman
Chairman



Susan M. Collins
Ranking Member

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Carper". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Tom" and last name "Carper" clearly legible.

Thomas R. Carper
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