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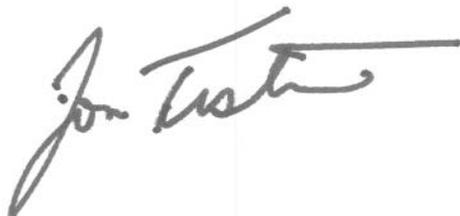
Dear Ms. Sager:

We invite you to testify before the Subcommittee on the Efficiency and Effectiveness of Federal Programs and the Federal Workforce at a hearing entitled "A More Efficient and Effective Government: Improving the Regulatory Framework." The hearing will be held on Tuesday, March 11, 2014 at 2:30 P.M. in Room SD-419 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

This hearing seeks to review progress made and challenges faced by the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA) in reviewing proposed rules and regulations. We would like you to address the effectiveness of OIRA's retrospective analysis, referencing prior GAO reviews and parameters of the review currently underway; OIRA's progress to date on transparency recommendations issued by GAO in 2003 and reviewed in 2009; and current as well as systemic rulemaking challenges.

The Subcommittee requests that you summarize your testimony in five minutes, although a longer written statement may be submitted for the official record. This will allow adequate time for you to engage in questions and answers with members of the Subcommittee. **Subcommittee rules require that your testimony be submitted by no later than 2:30 P.M. on Friday, March 7, 2014.** Please send an electronic copy of your written statement and a brief one page biography to Subcommittee Clerk, Kelsey Stroud, at Kelsey_Stroud@hsgac.senate.gov.

We look forward to your participation. Please contact Tony McClain with Senator Tester's Subcommittee staff at (202) 224-6704 or Senator Portman's Subcommittee staff at (202) 224-2674 with any questions.



Sincerely,

Senator Jon Tester
Chairman
Subcommittee on Efficiency and
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Senator Rob Portman
Ranking Member
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