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The Honorable Peter Orszag
Director, Office of Management and Budget
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Dear Mr. Orszag:

On Thursday, July 29, 2010, the Subcommittee on Contracting Oversight will hold a hearing entitled, "Mismanagement of Contracts at Arlington National Cemetery." The purpose of the hearing is to examine reports of pervasive mismanagement and potential waste, fraud, and abuse in contracts at Arlington National Cemetery.

In particular, the hearing will review findings from the U.S. Army Inspector General's June 2010 reports on Arlington National Cemetery (ANC), which found "a lack of expertise in contracting processes within the cemetery, coupled with a lack of focused external oversight." the Army Inspector General's findings that ANC officials repeatedly authorized payment to contractors for IT contracts despite "grossly inadequate contractor progress to justify these expenditures."

To assist the Subcommittee with its preparation for the hearing, we request that you provide a briefing for Subcommittee staff on or before **July 19, 2010**, regarding OMB's oversight of funds awarded through contracts at Arlington National Cemetery, including any concerns raised by OMB officials regarding the award, management, and oversight of these contracts. I also request that William McQuaid participate in the briefing.

The jurisdiction of the Subcommittee on Contracting Oversight is set forth in Senate Rule XXV clause 1(k); Senate Resolution 445 section 101 (108th Congress); and Senate Resolution 73 (111th Congress).

Please have your staff contact Margaret Daum at (202) 224-8316 with any questions.

Sincerely,



Claire McCaskill
Chairman
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Scott Brown
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