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From High-Risk to High Reward: Implementing GAO Recommendations for a More
Accountable Government

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Thank you, Chairman Lankford, and thank you to the Comptroller General and your team for your work on these reports and for your testimony today.

This is the last time the Comptroller General will testify before he retires. Only the Senate would say thank you by inviting someone to a hearing to give sworn testimony.

Gene is a Yinzer. He grew up in a small town outside of Pittsburgh and attended Lycoming College in Williamsport.

I am grateful for your service, and I congratulate you on your retirement. You have saved taxpayers a hell of a lot of money, so I thank you for that as well.

GAO's non-partisan work and independence is more important than ever. Every game needs an umpire – someone to call balls and strikes no matter who's in control.

We need to make sure that our most critical programs – ones that feed children, help our seniors, protect farmers, and keep our country safe – work better for the American people.