

**Chairman Peters Opening Statement As Prepared for Delivery  
Full Committee Hearing: Nominations of Robert H. Shriver III to be Deputy Director,  
Office of Personnel Management, and Richard L. Revesz to be Administrator, Office of  
Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget  
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Today, we are considering the nominations of Robert Shriver III to be Deputy Director of the Office of Personnel Management and Richard Revesz to be Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs at the Office of Management and Budget.

Welcome to both of you and to your family members joining us today. Congratulations on your nominations and thank you for your willingness to take on these important new roles.

Both of the positions we are considering nominations for today require independent, non-partisan leadership to serve in the best interests of the American public.

The Office of Personnel Management or OPM develops and administers human capital policies for the federal workforce and functions as the bedrock of our nation's personnel and management efforts across the Executive branch, while the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs or OIRA, serves as the central authority for the review and coordination of federal regulations.

Mr. Shriver, if confirmed, you will be OPM's Deputy Director charged with setting policies for more than 1.8 million, dedicated public servants, which will require agency leadership that can build confidence in OPM, and maintain a non-partisan, merit-based workforce that serves every American.

The deputy chief human resources officer is a significant undertaking, and I believe your extensive experience in public service, including current and prior experience at OPM, will help provide an innovative vision for the future of the federal workforce.

Likewise, the OIRA Administrator is an incredibly important position.

Mr. Revesz, if confirmed, you will lead OIRA's six subject matter branches, and be responsible for ensuring the Office provides transparency into regulatory decisions and promotes public participation in the rulemaking process.

Your long history of academic and legal analysis on the modernization of the regulatory process, improving cost-benefit analysis, and ensuring greater transparency and participation in the rulemaking process will serve the Office well.

While OIRA is a small, relatively unknown office in the federal government, it manages federal rules and regulations that impact Americans' daily lives in a number of different ways.

The decisions OIRA makes can affect everything from repairing roads and bridges, funding K-12 schools, and protecting our air and drinking water. People in Michigan, and across the country, depend on OIRA to work with federal agencies to efficiently and effectively implement important safeguards that will protect the health and safety of all Americans.

While few folks outside of Washington are familiar with OIRA, they know all too well how delayed regulatory impacts can affect their lives.

For too long, essential safeguards for lead in drinking water and PFAS substances, toxic chemicals that are widely used in industry and consumer products, remain stalled in the regulatory review process.

Despite federal agencies promising to take a more proactive approach to address this crisis, Michiganders in communities like Flint, Oscoda, and Parchment in my home state, cannot drink the water from their own faucets without fear of ingesting toxins like lead or PFAS.

While regulations are the responsibility of federal agencies, they must be reviewed by OIRA before they can be adopted.

That's why as Chairman of the Senate's top oversight Committee, I know it is critical lawmakers pursue regulatory reforms that reduce duplicative or burdensome processes while maintaining important protections for health, safety, and economic security, and I look forward to working with OIRA to make progress on these important reforms.

In short, if confirmed, both of you will have a dramatic impact on families, businesses, and communities in Michigan and all across the country.

I am pleased that President Biden has nominated two distinguished and highly qualified, nominees to serve in these incredibly important positions.

Today I look forward to hearing more from both of you about your experience and qualifications and how you plan to serve. Thank you.