

Statement of Ranking Member Tom Carper
“Nomination of Andrew Mayock to be Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget”

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As prepared for delivery:

I am pleased we are here today to consider the nomination of Andrew Mayock to be Deputy Director for Management at the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). I welcome Mr. Mayock and thank him for his willingness to serve in this position. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has a mission that is near and dear to my heart—to help improve the performance and functioning of government.

As we know, OMB plays a number of critical roles, including formulating agency budgets and overseeing management issues that span the entire federal government. The Office, and particularly the position Mr. Mayock has been nominated to fill, plays an important role in helping agencies tackle challenges such as the upcoming Presidential transition, improper payments of over \$100 billion per year, real property management, information technology management, and improving performance across government to name a few.

I’m pleased that the President has chosen to nominate Mr. Mayock. In addition to many other important jobs in this Administration, he recently served as the Associate Director for General Government Programs at OMB. This position provided him with a background in federal budgeting that gives him a different perspective than many of his predecessors. It will serve him well as he works to lead the management side of OMB.

Simply put, Mr. Mayock has the opportunity to help unite the budget and management side of the Office, and I believe that could be especially valuable. His nomination also comes at a time when the Administration is in its final seven months. Some may think that means it isn’t critical to take action to confirm him. I strongly disagree with that sentiment, not just because I think Mr. Mayock is uniquely qualified for the job, but also because this role is critical for the successful transition to the next administration.

One of the greatest virtues of our nation is the peaceful transition of power from one President to the next. Given the challenges facing our country today, it is critical that our next President, along with his or her administration, be prepared to hit the ground running. That’s the major reason why I, along with our chairman, championed the Edward ‘Ted’ Kaufman and Michael Leavitt Presidential Transitions Improvement Act which became law earlier this year. The Act incorporates many of the lessons learned from the Obama and Romney transition teams. I look forward to learning more today about preparations for the upcoming transition and, more importantly, Mr. Mayock’s role with the Agency Transition Directors Council and the steps that are being taken at OMB to ensure a seamless transition of power.

Mr. Mayock, we thank you for being here and look forward to hearing about your vision for this position and a discussion of the management challenges that lay ahead during the final seven months of this Administration.