

**Chairman Peters Opening Statement As Prepared for Delivery
Nominations of Shalanda D. Young to be Deputy Director, Office of Management and
Budget, and Jason S. Miller to be Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management
and Budget
March 4, 2021**

Today, we are considering the nominations of Ms. Shalanda Young to be the Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget, or “OMB,” and Mr. Jason Miller to be OMB’s Deputy Director for Management.

Welcome to you both and to your family members joining us today.

Congratulations on your nominations, and thank you for your willingness to serve our nation in such a crucial moment.

Our country is facing historic public health and economic challenges. Over the past year, the Coronavirus pandemic has taken more than 510,000 American lives and has devastated communities, families and businesses in Michigan and across the nation.

If confirmed, not only will you both play a key role in shaping and implementing the American Rescue Plan – a comprehensive relief package that will provide critical aid to Michiganders and Americans across the nation – but also in developing President Biden’s budget and policy agenda across the government.

In your respective roles, you will be responsible for evaluating and coordinating policy decisions to help the country recover from the pandemic – from getting vaccines in arms quickly and equitably to reopening our schools and our economy swiftly and safely.

You will also have to help address the long-term challenges we face, including bolstering our nation’s cybersecurity infrastructure, advancing science-based public health, worker safety, and environmental protections, and strengthening our federal workforce. You will also be responsible for ensuring that federal agencies are addressing and prioritizing the needs of communities of color and other underserved and vulnerable populations.

As part of OMB leadership, it will be your duty to ensure that the federal government is working efficiently and in a transparent manner to deliver for the American people.

I believe that you both bring the kind of experience, expertise and dedication to public service that is needed to help steer the country in this unprecedented time.

I expect OMB will work closely with this Committee as we take on the difficult work ahead. I look forward to hearing about the serious challenges we are facing today and how we can work together to tackle them.

Thank you both again for your willingness to serve, and for being here with us today.