

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

May 26, 2016

The Honorable Shaun Donovan
Director
Office of Management and Budget
725 17th Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20503

Dear Director Donovan:

As Chairmen of the Committees with jurisdiction over the Paperwork Reduction Act, 5 U.S.C. §§ 3501-21 (PRA), we write to inquire about the Office of Management and Budget's annual report on the federal paperwork burden. Pursuant to the PRA, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) is required to annually submit a report to Congress on the paperwork burden imposed on individuals, small businesses, and others by federal agencies and efforts to reduce those burdens.¹ OMB's report, which it calls the Information Collection Budget, is long overdue.

Congress did not receive a report in 2015. The last report that OMB issued was in 2014 and covered the paperwork burden imposed on the public in Fiscal Year (FY) 2013.² We are concerned that OMB is not fulfilling its obligations under the PRA. Congress needs the Information Collection Budget to evaluate the overall federal paperwork burden and determine whether legislative changes are necessary to ensure the PRA operates as Congress intended. Therefore, we request that OMB provide the following information:

1. Why did OMB fail to issue a report to Congress on the federal paperwork burden in 2015?
2. On what date will OMB publish the Information Collection Budget that covers the federal paperwork burdens for FY 2014?
3. On what date will OMB publish the Information Collection Budget that covers the federal paperwork burdens for FY 2015?

¹ 5 U.S.C. § 3514.

² OMB website, "Federal Collection of Information," *available at* https://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/inforeg_infocoll#icbusg.

4. Please explain how OMB will ensure that it provides Congress with an annual report on the federal paperwork burden as required by 5 U.S.C. § 3514 from now on.
5. Please provide all policies and guidance documents explaining how OMB approves information collection requests.

Please provide your responses no later than June 23, 2016 to Viktoria Seale of the Committee on Small Business (viktoria.seale@mail.house.gov) and Katy Rother of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform (katy.rother@mail.house.gov).

Sincerely,



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cc: The Honorable Howard Shelanski, Administrator
Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget