

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

December 5, 2016

The Honorable Howard Shelanski
Administrator
Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs
Office of Management and Budget
725 17th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20503

Dear Administrator Shelanski:

We write regarding the status of the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) overdue annual reports, known as Information Collection Budgets, on the federal paperwork burden. These reports to Congress are required under the Paperwork Reduction Act, 44 U.S.C. §§ 3501-21 (PRA).¹ In your September 20, 2016 response to our letter regarding OMB's failure to issue a report to Congress in 2015, you stated that OMB planned to publish reports covering both Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 and 2016 this fall. Fall 2016 has come and gone, and neither a FY 2015 nor a FY 2016 report have been issued.

The failure to produce these reports in a timely fashion demonstrates a fundamental breakdown in OIRA's management function. Congress enacted the PRA to minimize the paperwork burden on individuals, small businesses, and others imposed by the federal government and improve the responsibility and accountability of the OMB and all other federal agencies to Congress and the public for collecting information.² Furthermore, Congress included the provision requiring OMB to provide annual reports to keep Congress and congressional committees fully informed of federal agencies' major activities under the PRA.³ Therefore, we request that OMB publish both reports as soon as possible, but no later than December 30, 2016.

As set forth in House Rule X, the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform has jurisdiction over federal paperwork reduction, and the Committee on Small Business has jurisdiction over assistance to and protection of small business, including paperwork reduction.

¹ 44 U.S.C. § 3514(a)(1)(B).

² *Id.* at § 3501.

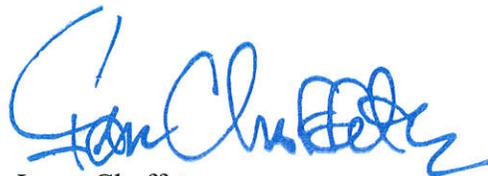
³ *Id.* at § 3514(a)(1)(A).

If you have any questions about this request, please contact Viktoria Seale of Chairman Chabot's staff at (202) 225-5821 or Drew Baney of Chairman Chaffetz's staff at (202) 225-5051.

Sincerely,



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Chairman
Committee on Small Business



Jason Chaffetz
Chairman
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cc: The Honorable Shaun Donovan, Director, Office of Management and Budget