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My Comments on Privatizing

Federal Jobs

First, I would have no problem with this if it really saved money and the private industry contractors has the experience and background to do the job correctly.

Indeed GAO states: "During the long history of our work in this area (contracting), GAO has consistently found that evaluating the overall effectiveness of contracting out decisions and verifying the estimated savings reported by agencies is extremely difficult after the fact. As a result, we cannot convincingly prove nor disprove that the results of federal agencies' contracting out decisions have been beneficial and cost-effective."

The President's A-76 studies is a time-consuming, detailed examination of government functions to look for cost efficiencies. I am convinced that the end result finding of the "study" has been predetermined.

Today there are less federal employees than there were in 1960, so the trend is not increasing.

Seasonal temporary employees are one of the first groups to be studied under A-76. Without these jobs, how will these kids get their education? They depend on these job opportunities, when there is nothing else available.

OMB must reconsider its changes to the A-76 studies. As a start, please extend the comment period would allow the public an opportunity to learn more about and understand the process...including federal employees.

Sincerely,

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