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Statement from OMB Director Rob Portman:
Announcement to Pursue a Year-Long Continuing Resolution to Complete the FY
2007 Appropriations Process by the Incoming Chairmen of the Appropriations
Committees Senator Robert Byrd (D-WV) and Congressman David Obey (D-WI).

“The Administration's goal has been for the remaining 2007 appropriations bills to be completed, and we communicated that message to the Congress throughout the appropriations process. The announcement from the incoming Congressional majority is disappointing because we want to work with the new Congress to finish this important work. There are still more than nine months remaining in the fiscal year, and we believe we should be working through the remaining bills to achieve the best results possible for the American people. While it is not our preference to have a year-long continuing resolution, we will certainly work with the agencies and the Congress to ensure there are no major disruptions to essential government services. Should there be a long-term continuing resolution, the Administration would want to assure we maintain fiscal discipline and avoid gimmicks and unwarranted emergency spending.”

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