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To Whom It May Concern:

Trying to be open-minded and see both sides of the issue, I still have some serious concerns regarding A-76. Regardless of if the work is "hired out" to a contractor or assigned to an employee, we must pay to have someone do the job. How is the government served by outsourcing to an agency that is not familiar with what we do over having a trained employee do the same task? If outsourcing is the goal, why not outsource by attrition? As government employees leave the service, fill in behind them with a contractor. This would enable the contracting agency to learn from employees who have been doing the job, as well as reduce the impact of Riffed government employees on the current job market.

My major concern, however, is in the area of security. Government employees have security reviews as well as requirements for security of data that is not in place in the private sector. Computer technologists are one area which A-76 will impact if the job is contracted out. That means that a private firm must be provided with government administrator passwords, or they would be ineffective in performing the work. Suppose a government employee working in the field has his computer freeze up with taxpayer or other official data on the hard drive. He would take it to the private contractor who won the bid and it would be repaired but the contractor's employee could have no requirements on his job for data security, so information regarding taxpayer income, assets, social security numbers, or a myriad of other data is at risk of disclosure.

This is from an IRS perspective, since that is my employer. I am certain every other agency faces similar risk to confidential data. I am equally certain that every job that is outsourced has some element of disclosure and confidentiality that is at risk. All citizens have reason to be concerned, but most are not adequately informed on the possible impact A-76 could have on them. What are we doing to ensure we don't start seeing secure data on the internet? When it is out of the government's control, it is subject to the same risk factors as the private sector.

Thank you for your time.

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