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OMB Transmits Sunset and Results Commissions Legislation To Congress

Washington, D.C. – The Administration today transmitted to Congress legislation to improve agency and program performance and reduce unnecessary costs for taxpayers. The Government Reorganization and Program Performance Improvement Act authorizes the creation of two types of commissions – Sunset and Results – to regularly review the performance of government agencies and programs and make recommendations for improvement.

"The Sunset and Results Commissions will institutionalize a focus on results within the Executive Branch and the Congress to help government spend taxpayers' money more wisely," said Office of Management and Budget Deputy Director, Clay Johnson.

The Administration will work closely with Congress on the swift enactment of the legislation.

For more information, please see the attached fact sheet or contact OMB Communications at (202) 395-7254.

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Government Reorganization and Program Performance Improvement Act

Today, The Administration Transmitted To Congress Legislation To Improve Agency And Program Performance And To Spend Taxpayer Money More Wisely. The bill would create Sunset and Results Commissions that require Congress and the Executive Branch to regularly and formally focus on whether agencies and programs achieve desired results for the American people.

• The Sunset And Results Commissions Will Help Agencies And Programs Improve Performance On Behalf Of The American People. Today, more than 30 percent of government programs that are assessed are rated as ineffective or unable to demonstrate results.

The Sunset Commission Will Hold Agencies And Programs Accountable For Performance

The Sunset Commission Will Consider Presidential Proposals To Retain, Restructure, Or Terminate Government Agencies Or Programs. To help all agencies focus on results and performance, this legislation:

- Creates a seven-member, bipartisan Commission appointed by the President in consultation with the Congress.
- Authorizes Congress and the President to enact a 10-year schedule for the Administration to assess the performance of agencies and programs. Based on those assessments, the Commission will recommend ways agencies and programs can improve effectiveness and spend taxpayer dollars more wisely.
- Facilitates the reform, restructuring, or termination of agencies and programs unable to demonstrate expected performance and results in their scheduled review.

The Results Commission Process Will Reduce Unnecessary Cost and Overlap In Programs

Results Commissions Established By Congress For Specific Programs Or Policy Areas Will Consider Administration Proposals To Improve Performance By Restructuring Or Consolidating Agencies And Programs. Reform through consolidation or restructuring will reduce unnecessary costs for American taxpayers.

- Congress would approve the creation of individual Results Commissions to address a single program or policy area where duplication or overlapping jurisdiction hinder reform. For example, individual Results Commissions could be created to recommend improvements for programs that provide job training, eliminate chronic homelessness, or reduce teen pregnancy – areas where multiple programs in different agencies share the same or similar goal.
- Proposals approved by the Commissions and the President would be considered by Congress under expedited procedures.
- Each Results Commission would be bipartisan and consist of seven members appointed by the President in consultation with Congress.

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