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Comments on Federal Register Notice, Revision to OMB Circular A-76:

I am concerned that the proposed profound changes in providing public services is not getting proper scrutiny and discussion in the public. This would be better provided by Congressional hearings.

I am concerned that there is not enough evidence that contracting out Federal jobs provides the same service, or better service, at a lower cost. There are many examples of the opposite, such as public water delivery in Chattanooga, Tennessee. There privatization led to higher costs and worse service.

I am concerned that career Federal employees' experience will be lost to transient private employees, to the harm of the public.

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