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**OMB RELEASES MAJOR SAVINGS AND REFORMS VOLUME**

*Includes Details on the Budget's Proposals to Restrain Spending*

Today the Office of Management and Budget released the Major Savings and Reforms volume which provides further details of the 141 programs proposed for termination or reduction in the President's FY 2007 Budget released on Monday.

Last year Congress achieved \$6.5 billion in savings by adopting 89 of the President's 154 proposed program reductions and terminations. The Administration looks to continue that work with another successful year of trimming programs that are performing poorly or not national priorities.

**"When President Bush gave me guidance on what the 2007 budget should look like, he directed me to focus on national priorities and tighten our belt elsewhere,"** said OMB Director Joshua B. Bolten. **"Congress substantially delivered on the President's spending restraint goals last year, and after speaking with members at this week's Congressional hearings, I'm optimistic we can again provide a significant level of savings for American taxpayers."**

Also detailed in today's release are the President's proposals to reduce the growth of mandatory spending by \$65 billion over the next five years. As the President made clear in his State of the Union address, the long-term threat to our fiscal condition comes from the unsustainable growth in our entitlement programs. This year's savings proposals build on the important first steps Congress took last year in enacting legislation that reduced the growth in mandatory spending by nearly \$40 billion over five years. The President has also proposed the creation of a bipartisan commission to study the impact of the Baby Boomer's retirement on the fiscal condition of Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid.

The Major Savings and Reforms volume also describes a number of the Administration's proposals to reform the budget process to help control spending, including:

- Restoring the line-item veto;
- Requiring that legislation increasing mandatory spending be offset by equal reductions of mandatory spending; and,
- Creating Sunset and Results commissions to review programs and their results and make recommendations about whether to retain, reform, or terminate them.

The volume is available at: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/budget/fy2007/pdf/savings.pdf>.

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