

RE: Feedback on CRA Bill

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Thanks, Hugh.

Ben, can you re-share the bill text with me? Didn't carry through on this chain.

Best,
Hal

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Adding Hal, the new Associate Director for OMB Leg Affairs.

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Thanks Taylor – Hugh, let me know if you have any questions or need anything on our end.

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Ben—

Connecting you with Hugh Fike at OMB, who can speak to the proper person in their Department.

Thanks—

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Thanks Taylor. In theory, we'd love to have both TA from OMB, as well as an endorsement signal (or at least a signal that there are no issues with this). Let me know if you have more questions, and thanks for the help!

Ben

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Hey Ben—

Thanks for the email and the kind words. Can I get some clarification on your request? Are you looking for technical assistance (agency TA / discussion) or an endorsement / opposition signal? This bill falls in OMB's jurisdiction. As such, I would likely direct you to them to get feedback on the policy and then we can go from there.

Looping in my colleague Natalie McIntyre, who covers Senate affairs with me.

Taylor LaJoie

From: Blackmon, Ben (Blackburn) <(b)(6)>
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Hey Taylor,

Hope all is well, and congrats on the new job! We wanted to reach out to get the White House's feedback on the attached bill, the CRA Simplification Act of 2025. This bill would strike the "submission to Congress" requirement in the Congressional Review Act. As you know, a CRA joint resolution of disapproval in the Senate can only be introduced as a privileged resolution once (1) the rule has been published in the Federal Register by the agency; and (2) the agency transmits the rule to the House and the Senate. This bill simply eliminates the second requirement under the CRA for a resolution to be introduced. There have been multiple instances where agencies have refused to submit the rule to Congress—sometimes for months on end. One of Senator Blackburn's CRA

resolutions could not be introduced for months because the Biden DOJ would not transmit the rule to the House.

We think this is a common sense measure that simplifies the process for filing a CRA resolution and aligns with the President's goal of cutting bureaucratic red tape. Before we pursued this idea further, we wanted to check with you all to see if there were any concerns with this proposal from the administration. Happy to answer any questions!

Thanks,

Ben

Ben Blackmon

Counsel

Senator Marsha Blackburn