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THE DIRECTOR

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The Honorable Susan Collins  
Chairwoman  
Committee on Appropriations  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairwoman Collins:

This report is submitted pursuant to section 204(d)(2) of division E of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law 117-103). During the first Trump Administration, I delegated to OMB's Program Associate Directors (PADs), who are politically accountable appointees, the authority for apportioning funds pursuant to 31 U.S.C. § 1513. PADs are best suited to make determinations regarding the use of appropriated funds and should be accountable for making such determinations, rather than a career, non-politically appointed employee. It was thus appropriate to reinstate that practice and re-delegate the apportionment authority to the PADs.

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Director

Identical Letter Sent to the Honorable Patty Murray