

**TESTIMONY OF
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Chairman Womack, Ranking Member Hoyer, Members of the Subcommittee:

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on President Biden's Fiscal Year 2025 Budget.

From Day One of this Administration, President Biden has tackled challenges head-on while delivering long-lasting results. Over the past three years, he has overseen a strong economic recovery with historic job gains, amassed one of the most successful legislative records in generations, grown the economy from the middle out and bottom up, and delivered important progress for the American people.

This Administration has taken action to lower costs for working families on everything from prescription drug costs and health insurance premiums to everyday goods and services. At the same time, the President has also restored U.S. leadership on the world stage while keeping Americans safe and promoting democracy at home and abroad.

The President has delivered this progress for the American people all while fulfilling his commitment to fiscal responsibility. The deficit is more than \$1 trillion lower than when President Biden took office, thanks in large part to a strong economic recovery. In addition, the President has also enacted another roughly \$1 trillion in savings over the next decade through the Fiscal Responsibility Act.

The President's FY 2025 Budget details the President's vision to build on this progress and deliver a more equitable, prosperous, and powerful America with proposals for responsible, pro-growth investments in the American people.

The Budget will **lower costs for working families** and **invest in America and the American people**. These investments will help working families keep more of their hard-earned paychecks, bolster manufacturing and industry across the Nation, make our communities healthier and safer, improve our military readiness to protect Americans at home and abroad, strengthen our economy, and more.

The Budget **protects Medicare and Social Security**—rejecting efforts to cut both programs and extending Medicare solvency indefinitely by requiring wealthy people to pay their fair share toward Medicare and reducing prescription drug costs.

The Budget achieves all of this and more while building on the President’s proven record of fiscal responsibility and honoring the President’s promise that no one earning less than \$400,000 per year will pay a penny more in new taxes. His Budget **reduces the deficit** by roughly \$3 trillion over the next 10 years – on top of paying for new investments – by cracking down on fraud, cutting wasteful spending, and making the wealthy and corporations pay their fair share.

I’d also like to say a few words about the Fiscal Year 2025 request for the Office of Management and Budget.

I would like to start by thanking members of this committee for your support of OMB’s budget during my tenure as Director. The resources have allowed us to fill critical career staff vacancies, investing in our outstanding workforce and sustaining OMB’s staffing levels.

Your support has enabled OMB to continue to take on significant areas of responsibility, leading the implementation of historic legislation and policy that includes the President’s Made in America agenda, the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, the PACT Act, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), the CHIPS and Science Act, and the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA). So, I thank you.

Our Fiscal Year 2025 request totals \$138.3 million – an increase of 8 percent above the Fiscal Year 2023 enacted level. These resources are critical to allowing OMB to continue rebuilding and maintaining our career staff, which is necessary for us to advance OMB’s mission.

OMB is also requesting just over \$44.5 million for the Information and Technology Oversight and Reform Fund, or ITOR. The request includes \$14.5 million for the Office of the Federal Chief Information Officer (OFCIO) and \$30 million for the United States Digital Service (USDS). Together, OFCIO and USDS ensure efficient, effective, and secure investment of the Government-wide \$75 billion IT portfolio by identifying innovative ways to solve business problems with technology, improving service delivery and customer experience, reducing overall waste in IT spending, bolstering cybersecurity defenses, and providing guidance and leadership on the use and development of AI technologies. Their focus on using modern design and technology practices is critical to the implementation of key government programs that reach millions of Americans.

Thank you for the opportunity to appear before the committee today, and I look forward to your questions.

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