

# TECHNOLOGY CEO COUNCIL



June 22, 2017

The Honorable Diane Black  
Chairman, House Budget Committee  
Longworth Building, Room B-234  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Black:

We understand that the Budget Committee plans to include report language to accompany the 2018 Budget Resolution that would call for a special purpose commission to focus on strengthening the Government's ability to reduce improper payments and establish a goal of achieving a 50% reduction in improper payments over five years.

The Technology CEO Council released a report in January 2017 urging the Congress and the Administration to seize the opportunity presented by modern technologies to substantially improve the efficiency and effectiveness of agency operations in support of government mission delivery. Fraud and improper payments prevention were highlighted in the report as a \$270 Billion cost savings opportunity. Compelling examples of promising results that have already been realized in innovative reforms by the states of Indiana and New York were also highlighted.

The Shared Services Leadership Coalition has been leading the effort to advance government management efficiencies and cost savings by accelerating the adoption of "shared service" business models in the delivery of common back office administrative and mission-support services -- a promising avenue for reducing improper payments.

The Technology CEO Council and the Shared Services Leadership Coalition appreciate the Committee's highlighting a systemic problem that has plagued government program administration for decades. We applaud your leadership as a timely and important reminder of the urgent need to modernize government operations and technology platforms to improve government efficiency and effectiveness and reduce exposure to improper payments.

We look forward to working with you and the Committee in the days ahead and hope you will call on us as the Committee continues its important work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "B.P. Mehlman".

Bruce Mehlman  
Executive Director  
Technology CEO Council

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Marshall".

John Marshall  
Founder and CEO  
Shared Services Leadership Coalition