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## Biography



**G**ene L. Dodaro became the eighth Comptroller General of the United States and head of the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) on December 22, 2010, when he was confirmed by the United States Senate. He was nominated by President Obama in September of 2010 from a list of candidates selected by a bipartisan, bicameral congressional commission. He had been serving as Acting Comptroller General since March of 2008.

In a GAO career dating back more than 50 years, Mr. Dodaro has testified before Congress dozens of times on important national issues, including the nation's response to the coronavirus pandemic, the federal government's long term fiscal outlook, efforts to reduce and eliminate overlap and duplication across the federal government and GAO's "High Risk List" that focuses on specific challenges—from reducing improper payments under Medicare and Medicaid to improving the Pentagon's business practices. In addition, Mr. Dodaro continues to develop GAO's efforts to meet the needs of Congress in such areas as science, technology and cybersecurity.

As Comptroller General, Mr. Dodaro helps oversee the development and issuance of hundreds of reports and testimonies each year to various committees and individual Members of Congress. These and other GAO products have led to hearings and legislation, billions of dollars in taxpayer savings, and improvements to a wide range of government programs and services.

This will be the CG's final hearing before this committee on GAO's High Risk list. The CG is serving his final year of a 15-year term – and over 50 year career at the GAO. Widely respected and relied on by both sides of the aisle, Mr. Dodaro has testified before Congress 220 times on GAO's recommendations to improve the performance and operations of the federal government on behalf of the American taxpayer. During his tenure as CG, GAO's work has led to over \$1 trillion in financial benefits. The CG was influential in developing the concept and content the High Risk list, and that work has yielded benefits across his tenure. Since our last update in 2023, there have been about \$84 billion in financial benefits as agencies took action to address high-risk areas. Over the past 19 years, these financial benefits averaged about \$40 billion per year.