

Thank you, Chairman Joyce and Ranking Member Hoyer, for inviting me to testify today.

Over the past four months, the Office of Management and Budget, or OMB, has worked tirelessly to deliver on President Trump's promise of a federal government that works for the American people, not bureaucrats and the entrenched establishment.

Under the previous Administration, government spending aggressively turned against our citizens, who saw their tax dollars used to fund cultural Marxism, the Green New Scam, foreign projects unaligned with American interests, and even our own invasion. Every agency became a tool of the Left.

Under President Trump, those days are over. The President's FY 2026 Budget, in tandem with the One Big Beautiful Bill and other tools this Administration has at its disposal, will finally end the era of unchecked Federal spending, stop the weaponization of government, and turbocharge economic growth.

The FY 2026 Budget puts American citizens first, and shifts the destructive paradigm that ruled Washington for decades—that we could only fund national and border security if we massively funded the woke and weaponized bureaucracy coveted by Democrats.

The President's Budget reduces non-defense spending by \$163 billion, 22.6 percent-below current-year levels and the lowest non-defense level since 2017—considering inflation, this is the lowest level of non-defense spending we've seen in 25 years—all while we protect funding for national defense, homeland security, veterans, seniors, law enforcement, and infrastructure. Over 10 years, such restraint would generate trillions in savings, necessary for delivering on President Trump's goal of balancing the budget.

The Budget also incorporates the historic increases for defense and border security that will be provided by the One Big Beautiful Bill currently making its way through Congress. In combination with base appropriations, the One Big Beautiful Bill is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to revolutionize our nation's defense capabilities and protect American sovereignty, providing the first ever \$1 trillion defense budget and the single largest investment in border security in our nation's history.

The One Big Beautiful Bill also improves our fiscal trajectory by reducing mandatory spending by roughly \$1.7 trillion—the largest mandatory spending reduction in history—ending waste, fraud, and abuse, and preserving critical programs. Along with the extension of President Trump's 2017 tax cuts and new tax policies to provide additional relief to working- and middle-class families and our seniors, the One Big Beautiful Bill will drive massive economic growth, raising GDP and increasing wealth across-the-board.

OMB's FY 2026 budget request is critical to supporting the comprehensive fiscal strategy this Administration is implementing. The full request is \$155.776 million for OMB. OMB is a personnel-intensive agency. We are asking for 20 additional FTEs, which would bring us from 500 to 520 in OMB, and an additional two FTEs in OFCIO, reaching 36 FTEs.

I will note that OMB's request is substantially below the increase requested by the legislative branch's GAO. OMB's funding level has remained essentially flat since FY 2023. By contrast, under GAO's request for FY 2026, the agency would receive an overall increase of 17% over three years.

As I have said many times, the civil servants at OMB are among the most resourceful and innovative our country has to offer—they are not only of great value to the taxpayer but to the whole nation. OMB has been hard at work crafting the President's Budget, implementing this Administration's fiscal goals, and accomplishing the largest deregulatory agenda in our nation's history.

With the President's Budget, the One Big Beautiful Bill, historic tariff revenue, the recently transmitted \$9.4 billion rescissions package, our deregulatory efforts, and other key tools, this Administration is implementing a comprehensive strategy to improve the nation's fiscal state.

Only the Swamp benefits from the status quo. Americans know that instinctively, and they elected President Donald J. Trump to fix it. The task ahead of us is great, but this Administration, including OMB, is committed to working hand in hand with our partners in Congress to finally deliver for the American people.

I look forward to answering your questions.