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*Subcommittee on the Legislative Branch
House Committee on Appropriations*

**Opening Statement (as prepared)
Government Accountability Office
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Today I would like to welcome the Government Accountability Office. Testifying before us we have Gene Dodaro, the Comptroller General of the United States.

The General Accountability Office, often referred to as the “congressional watchdog” is tasked with investigating how the federal government spends taxpayer dollars in an effort to ensure accountability of the federal government for the benefit for the American people. The GAO estimates that for every \$1 invested in GAO— \$128 of potential savings government-wide is identified, which totaled over \$73 billion in fiscal year 2017. How about we give you a billion dollars and maybe you can solve all our problems. I know it’s not that easy.

Your budget request submitted to the President is \$616 million, I understand now that the fiscal year 2018 omnibus has become law your revised request is flat.

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