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THE DIRECTOR

February 16, 2018

The Honorable Elijah Cummings  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Oversight and Government Reform  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Cummings:

Thank you for your letter regarding the comprehensive plan to reorganize Executive Branch departments and agencies and specifically, the requirement that agencies submit an agency reform plan to OMB in September 2017 as part of the agency's FY 2019 Budget submission. I appreciate the time you took to share your views and your commitment to government oversight.

As you know, OMB was directed under the President's Executive Order on a Comprehensive Plan for Reorganizing the Executive Branch to submit a comprehensive government-wide reorganization plan. To fulfill this requirement, OMB issued Memorandum M-17-22, providing guidance to agencies on reorganization and requiring them to submit an Agency Reform Plan as part of the agency's Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 Budget submission to OMB. These agency plans will be relied upon, together with other input, to formulate the government-wide plan called for by the President. OMB Memorandum M-17-22 aligned the reorganization process with the FY 2019 Budget process so the projected budgetary impact of proposals could be taken into account.

Although OMB Memorandum M-17-22 required agency reorganization proposals to be submitted to OMB in September, those agency submissions are not end products of the process called for by the President and detailed in the OMB Memorandum. The deliberative process within the Executive Branch will continue to play out in an iterative fashion. Meanwhile, OMB continues to work with agencies to begin taking certain administrative actions to promote efficiency and effectiveness in advance of the release of the FY 2019 Budget. These actions must be taken within existing authorities and resources, such as internal management reforms and innovations, and with appropriate notification with the Congress.

I look forward to working with you throughout the Budget and reorganization process. Thank you again for your letter. If you or your staff have any questions, please contact the Office of Legislative Affairs at [LegislativeAffairs@omb.eop.gov](mailto:LegislativeAffairs@omb.eop.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mick Mulvaney", with a large diagonal stroke across it.

Mick Mulvaney  
Director

cc: The Honorable Trey Gowdy, Chairman  
Committee on Oversight and Government Reform