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**Opening Statement**  
**Ranking Member Elijah E. Cummings**

**S. 1550, the Program Management  
Improvement Accountability Act**

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Thank you Mr. Chairman.

I support this bipartisan legislation to improve program management practices in federal agencies.

I want to thank Representative Connolly, the lead Democratic sponsor of this bill, for his hard work on this legislation.

The bill would require the development of standard policies and guidelines across the federal government for program management.

It would also establish an interagency Program Management Policy Council to develop best practices and focus on improving the management of federal programs.

The bill would also require the Office of Personnel Management to establish a new career path for program and project management, and to identify key skills and competencies for such jobs.

This is good, bipartisan measure that would help improve the management of the federal government.

I urge its adoption.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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