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The Honorable Jack Brooks  
Chairman, Subcommittee on  
Legislation and National Security  
Committee on Government Operations #1506  
House of Representatives

Dear Jack:

You requested our <sup>Comments</sup> views on H.R. 6686, the "Congressional Reports Elimination Act of 1980." This bill consolidates the reporting reductions we sent you on March 4, 1980, and those in H.R. 6162, which is based on the proposal of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

During the course of our analysis, we noticed that Section 102 of H.R. 6686 would repeal a reporting requirement for the Director of OMB and the Secretary of the Treasury to report annually on their efforts to implement Title II of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1970 (31 U.S.C. 1151). Specifically, the Act requires OMB and Treasury to develop plans for addressing the information needs identified and specified by the Comptroller General for committees and Members of Congress for fiscal, budgetary, and program-related information. It continues to be our view that the Congress should receive this information. Therefore, should this requirement indeed be repealed by Congress, we would be able to provide this information based on our assessment of the progress being made by OMB and Treasury in the annual report we submit in accordance with section 202(e) of the Act (31 U.S.C. 1152(e)). With this understanding, we support the elimination proposed in Section 102.

I continue to share your interest in reducing unnecessary paperwork in the Federal Government. We have provided your staff with the information we have on the various reports now covered by H.R. 6686. If we can be of any further assistance to you and your subcommittee on this important issue, please feel free to contact me or members of my staff.

Sincerely yours,

Comptroller General  
of the United States

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