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Subject: *[Comments on]* H.R. 24, 96th Congress, the "General  
Accounting Office Act of 1980"

Dear Mr. Frey:

This responds to your March 21, 1980, request for our views on the subject bill.

We are pleased to recommend approval of H.R. 24. This legislation would improve congressional oversight of Federal programs by effecting basic changes in the authorities applicable to the General Accounting Office, including the provision of judicial remedies to enforce our access to records rights. It would also formalize congressional input into the selection of future Comptrollers General and their Deputies.

H.R. 24 is the culmination of extensive negotiations among representatives of our Office, the Congress, and several Executive agencies. We support the bill's prompt enactment into law, and look forward to implementing it in a spirit of cooperation with the Executive branch.

Sincerely yours

Comptroller General  
of the United States

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