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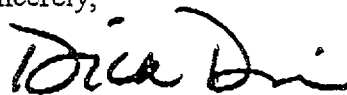
Dear Chairman Meserve:

The October 1 deadline for publication in the *Federal Register* of federal agencies' information quality guidelines is approaching. I trust that the process of preparing draft guidelines and seeking public comment on them prior to their final submission to the Office of Management and Budget is well underway at your agency.

The creation of these guidelines represents a significant opportunity to increase government transparency and improve governance in areas such as rulemaking. These new information quality guidelines are to promote accuracy, but they must not be written in a way that would enable regulated entities or third parties to delay or undermine enforcement of rules and regulations protecting the health, safety and other interests of the American people.

I would like to hear how your agency's draft guidelines will avoid increased regulatory red tape and guard against attempts to suppress legitimate but controversial data using challenges to data quality. Your prompt response is appreciated. Thank you for your attention in this regard. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Chuck Hunter at 224-5661 or Marianne Upton at 224-6960.

Sincerely,



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