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James Dyer
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Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Dyer:

I am writing to request that you appear as a witness at our July 24th hearing entitled "Improving Federal Program Management using Performance Information."

The effective use of performance information is desperately needed by our federal government in this time of mounting fiscal pressure. The Government Accountability Office's 2007 Survey on Performance and Management Issues is set to be released at the hearing. Preliminary observations indicate that while there has been some improvement at individual agencies, including the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), the overall use of performance information in federal agencies has not increased. The NRC and the National Science Foundation have enjoyed notable improvements in their results since the last survey conducted in 2000. We would like you to focus your remarks on how this improvement was made and what challenges you encountered in using performance data. We are very interested in how you think Congress can better help agencies reach their performance management goals, and what solutions you have found for creating a more successful system.

This hearing will be held by the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee's Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security on Thursday, July 24, 2008, at 2:30 p.m. in room 342 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, D.C.

The subcommittee requests that your oral presentation be limited to five minutes, although longer written statements may be submitted for the official record. Committee rules require written statements to be submitted by 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 22, 2008. You can send a copy of your testimony and a short biography via e-mail to Monisha Smith, Chief Clerk of the Subcommittee, at Monisha_Smith@hsgac.senate.gov. You should bring 30 copies of the testimony to the hearing.

If you will be using a shorter written statement to give your oral testimony, I ask that you supply a copy of that statement to the subcommittee before the hearing as well.

I look greatly forward to your participation in this hearing. Should you have any questions, please contact Ms. Smith directly at (202) 224-5602.

Sincerely yours,



Senator Tom Carper
Chairman
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