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Chairman Dale E. Klein
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Dear Dr. Klein,

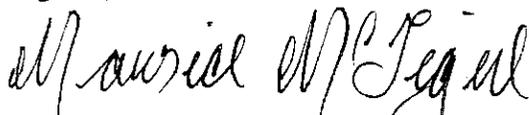
We are pleased to announce that on **Tuesday, May 5 at 9:00 am**, the Mercatus Center at George Mason University will release its *10th Annual Performance Report Scorecard: Which Federal Agencies Best Inform the Public?* on Capitol Hill (exact location to be determined). We invite you to join us at this event, as we celebrate not only ten years of the Mercatus Scorecard, but more importantly, a decade of substantial improvement in the quality of disclosure in agency performance and accountability reports.

The Mercatus Center's Scorecard evaluates and ranks the annual performance reports required by the Government Performance and Results Act, produced by Cabinet departments and other agencies under the Chief Financial Officers Act. Our purpose in conducting this annual research is to encourage continual improvement in the quality of information provided to the public, Congress, and the President regarding agency activities and results. Our focus is on transparency—not individual agency performance. Our research team judges the reports according to twelve criteria under three main categories: *transparency, public benefits, and forward-looking leadership*.

At this year's event, the study's authors will be on hand to present their findings and answer questions. Particularly notable this year is the evolution of best reporting practices since fiscal year 1999 and the meaningful improvements made by most of the agencies that participated in the pilot format for fiscal 2008. OMB Director Peter Orszag and Senator Mark Warner have been invited to attend and present remarks as well.

I hope that you, or a representative from your office, will be able to attend this event. The Scorecard and related information will also be posted to our website the day of the release, at www.mercatus.org. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at (703) 993-4921 or mmctigue@gmu.edu. You may also contact Heather Hambleton on my staff at hwier@gmu.edu or (703) 635-2660.

Regards,



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