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The Honorable Henry Cuellar
Member of Congress
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Cuellar:

I am proud to offer my support for H.R. 2142, the Government Efficiency, Effectiveness, and Performance Improvement Act of 2010. The bill makes important advancements in the required steps Federal agencies must take to improve their performance.

Among the most important provisions are:

- The requirement to candidly assess and report the achievement of highly priority goals;
- The establishment of Performance Improvement Officers and the Performance Improvement Council, both of which will enhance the institutionalization of performance in government;
- Rationalization of strategic planning deadlines consistent with the election of a new President; and
- The requirement of the Government Accountability Office to assess implementation of the Act.

I led performance improvement efforts during my tenure in the George W. Bush Administration. Additionally, while a Republican staff member in the Legislative Branch, I oversaw agency efforts to measure and improve their performance. The provisions of this bill would have greatly enhanced these efforts had they been in place at the time.

Thanks for your strong support of the government's performance improvement efforts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert J. Shea", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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