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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

THE DIRECTOR

July 21, 2020

The Honorable John Yarmuth  
Chairman  
House Committee on the Budget  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This is in reply to your letter of June 22, 2020, regarding the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) authorities under the Impoundment Control Act of 1974 (ICA) and the apportionment provisions of title 31, U.S. Code.

During my tenure as Acting Director, OMB has always faithfully followed the law, and we will continue to do so. I have previously stated to Congress that OMB is not currently pursuing a rescissions package. Consistent with the law and past practice, OMB will notify Congress if it withholds funding pursuant to the ICA's rescission and deferral provisions. That said, OMB also will not take off the table any legally available options as we pursue a more fiscally responsible government on behalf of the President of the United States and the American people.

OMB still welcomes the opportunity to work with your committee, or any other committee, on pursuing spending reforms and opportunities to save in our Federal budget.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R. Vought".

Russell T. Vought  
Director