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The Honorable Ron Johnson, Chairman
The Honorable Claire McCaskill, Ranking Member
Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Johnson, Ranking Member McCaskill, and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the Senior Executives Association (SEA) – which represents the interests of career federal executives in the Senior Executive Service (SES), and those in Senior Level (SL), Scientific and Professional (ST), and equivalent positions – I write to convey our strong support for the nomination of Margaret M. Weichert to be Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

SEA believes that, given her background as an entrepreneur and business executive, Ms. Weichert will bring a fresh and much needed perspective to OMB. Despite never having served previously in government, Ms. Weichert has demonstrated a strong ability to transfer her knowledge of best practices in the private sector to critical problems facing the Federal government, for example new approaches to performance accountability and unburdening agencies from regulations that hamper their ability to respond quickly to emerging challenges. SEA is strongly supportive of Ms. Weichert's nomination and looks forward to working with her to improve government and deliver more value to the American taxpayer.

Thank you for your consideration of SEA's perspective. Please have your staff contact SEA Executive Director Jason Briefel (briefel@seniorexecs.org; 202-971-3300) for further information.

Sincerely,

Bill Valdez
President
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CC: Members of the U.S. Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs