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The Honorable Russell Vought
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725 17th St., NW
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Subj: President's 2016 Commitments to DoD Common Sense Reforms that Eliminate Waste

Dear Hon. OMB Director Vought:

President Trump has not met his commitments, in 2016, to:

1. Apply his business techniques to defense programs and to complete projects "under budget and ahead of schedule."
2. Accomplish savings through common sense reforms that eliminate government waste.

I submitted acquisition reform recommendations to the Trump Transition Team in a letter, Subj: DoD Acquisition Reform - Under Budget and Ahead of Schedule, dated November 13, 2016. Current recommendations are in the letter to Dep. Secretary of War Feinberg, Subj: Major Reforms to Streamline Military Acquisitions, dated October 8, 2025.

Excerpt from Oct 8 letter:

During his speech on September 30, Pres. Trump suggested that Sec. of War Hegseth "will soon be announcing major reforms to streamline military acquisitions."

I hope that the major reforms include my recommendations to streamline acquisitions. Please consult with Dep. Sec. Feinberg to ensure closure of unfinished business from 2016 and to incorporate the modernization recommendations such as integrating digital engineering and program management. Additional assessments and recommendations are in the white paper, *Common Sense Project Management: "When you come to a fork in the road..."* dated 9/24/25. Recommendations include revisions to OMB policy in addition to statutory changes.

This letter and referenced documents may be downloaded from www.pb-ev.com at the Acquisition Reform, White Paper, and Articles and Tutorial tabs.

Yours truly,



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