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Dr. Peter Orszag  
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The Office of Management and Budget  
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Mr. Gene L. Dodaro  
Acting Comptroller General of the United States  
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Dear Dr. Orszag and Mr. Dodaro:

The passage of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) provides significant funds to states across an array of programs with tracking and reporting requirements to ensure accountability. As representatives of the state auditors, comptrollers, and treasurers, the state budget officers, the state chief information officers, and the state procurement officials, we sincerely believe that a coordinated approach is imperative and want to express our strong interest in working with your staff on the reporting and compliance aspects of this important legislation.

States are working on processes to ensure that funds are spent as efficiently as possible while maintaining the appropriate controls and reporting mechanisms to ensure accountability and transparency. Many states have existing accountability and transparency initiatives or are in the planning stages to make investments in the near future. Your guidance to the states on the reporting and accountability requirements will be extremely helpful. We look forward to meeting with your staffs soon to provide information to ensure that these stimulus funds are spent in the most efficient and effective manner. Please do not to hesitate to call upon us when we can provide assistance.

Sincerely,



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