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Mr. Vivek Kundra  
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Dear Mr. Kundra,

I am writing to request your help regarding the Intelligence Community's inability to receive a clean financial audit on the annually appropriated National Intelligence Program funding. It has been brought to my attention that there is an Office of Management and Budget business case that proves the Nation could save at least \$2 billion by consolidating and streamlining business systems and processes, and by minimizing the number of software interfaces within the Intelligence Community. This business case took into consideration the risks associated with implementing a government core-financial system consolidation and the business case's recommended course of action nicely complements your recent June 28, 2010, memorandum.

Unfortunately the Intelligence Community is resisting the \$2 billion savings course of action and is trying to take half-steps and protect their business system status quo as much as possible. From my experience as a Certified Public Accountant, I believe the Intelligence Community could implement a single core-financial system that is A-123 and Sarbanes-Oxley compliant within two and a half years, while simultaneously taking all security constraints into consideration.

In light of this week's Washington Post's articles about the inability of the Intelligence Community to truly manage or quantify its return on investment for all the different intelligence programs and capabilities, and considering that the Intelligence Community is still not compliant with the 1990 CFO Act or the 2002 Taxpayer Accountability Act, I would ask that you ensure that the next business system plan submitted to Congress with the 2012 budget submission embraces the November 2009 business case \$2 billion consolidation plan and that all future transition plans are broken down into measureable, 90-day delivery intervals. The Nation has wasted enough time with half-steps and compromises when it comes to good financial management. It is my opinion that within the next 3 years, the Intelligence Community needs to create a single NIP financial statement that is auditable and produced by fewer and better business systems than are in place today.

Sincerely,



K. Michael Conaway