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MEMORANDUM FOR THE HEADS OF EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

FROM: Robert Fairweather
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SUBJECT: Testimony before Congress and public statements on the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget

In the coming weeks, you and your representatives may be asked to testify before congressional committees in support of the Administration's Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 discretionary funding request to the Congress and the forthcoming FY 2022 President's Budget. For the period between the release of the Administration's FY 2022 discretionary request and the release of the FY 2022 President's Budget later this spring, your testimony and public disclosures should be limited to the information contained in the discretionary request. This includes information provided in the overview and agency summaries included in the discretionary request as enclosures. You should not make commitments about specific programs not expressly mentioned in the discretionary request or address account-level details until the release of the Budget. Agency officials appearing as witnesses in authorization, appropriations, or oversight hearings should defer any questions related to the Budget until after the Budget is released.

Finally, it is our strong preference that only heads of executive departments and agencies or the acting head of the department or agency should testify on the FY 2022 discretionary request. However, if you feel it is more appropriate to send another agency official, please work with your OMB representative.

Guidance on the clearance of testimony and budget justification materials is provided in OMB Circular No. A-11, section 22.