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Statement from OMB Director Shalanda Young

**Budgetary Impact Analysis for Executive Order Entitled  
“Bolstering Efforts to Bring Hostages and Wrongfully Detained United States  
Nationals Home”**

This executive order implements the 2020 Robert Levinson Hostage Recovery and Hostage-Taking Accountability Act. This E.O. also reinforces the roles, responsibilities, and commitments contained in existing directives on hostage-taking, and seeks to ensure that, as with hostage recovery activities, interagency coordination, family engagement, and diplomatic tools are enshrined in United States Government efforts to secure the safe release and return of United States nationals wrongfully detained by foreign state actors. That includes support to families, intelligence-sharing efforts, and financial sanctions for perpetrators of hostage-taking and wrongful detention. Finally, the E.O. enhances the Levinson Act’s sanctions provisions through use of the President’s International Emergency Economic Powers Act authority. Implementing this executive order would have de minimis impact on costs and revenues to the Federal Government. The benefits of this executive order include providing coordinated and consistent support to families of U.S. nationals held hostage or wrongfully detained and increasing deterrence mechanisms, such as financial sanctions and visa bans. Implementing this executive order would have de minimis impact on mandatory and discretionary obligations and outlays, as well as on revenues to the Federal Government, in the 5-year fiscal period beginning in fiscal year 2022. The agencies anticipated to be impacted by this executive order includes The Departments of State, the Treasury, Justice, Health and Human Services, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Office of Director of National Intelligence.