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RE: OIRA Request for Feedback on the Federal Regulatory Process

To Whom it May Concern:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this issue. As a regulatory person I have submitted hundreds of comments at the state and federal level. The Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs provided some good recommendations to achieve greater public participation in rulemakings. Following are my suggestions:

Suggestion 1

I know how to use *regulations.gov* now, but I did not always. It is a scary looking website. It is sometimes difficult to find something unless you have a docket number. I recommend adding a "*regulations.gov for dummies*" section on the front page. It should include "Instructions," a list of things like "How to" and "Frequently Asked Questions." Offering Zoom tutorials on how to navigate *regulations.gov* twice a month would be wonderful.

Suggestion 2

It would be nice to have a page similar to *reservations.gov* for things like this Request for Feedback on the Federal Regulatory Process. You are not making rules, you are asking for feedback. It could be a Universal Public Comment page in plain language that is user friendly and not scary. It should include an easy search section like Google for key words, names of agencies, topics, and specific time frames.

Suggestion 3

I have received a few random postcards over the years from the Bureau of Land Management when they are holding a meeting or taking an action. I would not have known about the meetings otherwise. Postcards alone are not a good way to reach out to stakeholders. Regulatory actions can grind on for years and it is easy to lose track of their status. When I submit comments to the BLM on an issue, why can't they retain my email and send me an email when they are taking an action again on the same issue or when the action is in my state? Similarly, the same could be used for making comments for endangered species or pesticides on *regulations.gov*. Include an opt out feature with the email notice.

Section 4

In Federal Register Notices – Create a new heading above the SUMMARY paragraph and title it “Action in Plain Word”. For example, Oklahoma State Questions require the language on the ballot title to fairly and accurately describe the measure/s in 200 words or less, be free of jargon and at an eighth grade reading level.

I appreciate the opportunity to provide these comments. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marla R. Peek". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Marla Peek

Sr. Director of Regulatory Affairs