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Mr. David C. Childs
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Dear Mr. Childs:

I would like to strenuously object to the Bush Administration's proposed revision to the Office of Management and Budget Circular No. A-76. I am disappointed that the administration would take these actions and put at stake the day-to-day operation of all government services.

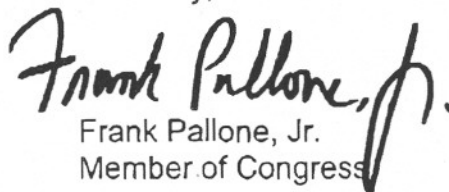
The Administration's proposal to open up more than 850,000 federal employee jobs to private contractors is both ill conceived and poorly timed. Given that this new proposal will take effect on January 1, 2002, with only 30 days of public comment, leads me to believe this proposal is nothing more than an attempt by the Administration to steamroll both the American worker and the US Congress.

It has been my experience that the contracting of federal responsibilities has not always saved taxpayers money. In many cases private contractors have been know to underbid simply to get the contract. Once on the job, the contractor's proposals and promises are found to be faulty and they are not able to deliver on the original contract. This then leaves the government footing the bill.

This proposal is simply a dangerous scheme to eliminate more quality, hard working government employees. The work of federal employees is well documented. Year to year, both Congress and the Administration know specifically the costs and results of in-house government supervised employees. What is not known is the *true* cost and size of the contractor work force, and the quality of the work being done.

Again, I want to lend my voice in opposition to the proposed revision to the OMB Circular No. A-76. This proposal is nothing more than another attempt to eliminate quality jobs in the name of privatization. I hope that you will reject this proposal and work with our government employees to make sure our government is responsive to all of our nation's needs.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Frank Pallone, Jr. in black ink, written in a cursive style.

Frank Pallone, Jr.
Member of Congress