



## U.S. House of Representatives

COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET

Washington, DC 20515

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Hon. Jeffrey Zients  
Deputy Director for Management  
Office of Management and Budget  
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Dear Deputy Director Zients:

As you know, the President is required by law to submit his budget request no later than the first Monday in February, which this year falls on February 4.

The law also establishes deadlines for congressional consideration of a budget resolution and appropriations bills. Under prior administrations, the budget deadline has been met with few exceptions, giving Congress the time to evaluate and address the President's budget proposals. Unfortunately, a delay in the budget submission of the President's budget request affects Congress's ability to carry out its budget duties.

Given the critical importance of addressing our nation's fiscal problems, I am writing to ask whether the President will submit his budget request this year on or before February 4 as required by law. If the Administration does not plan to meet the statutory deadline, when do you anticipate the request being made?

I appreciate your prompt attention to this matter as we work together to fulfill our shared responsibility to conduct the nation's fiscal affairs.

Sincerely,

Paul D. Ryan  
Chairman