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03/14/2017 – “Top-to-Bottom” Review of Federal Government Applauded

As a founding member of the Business Coalition for Fair Competition (BCFC), CIRT joined in support of BCFC President John Palatiello’s, statement applauding “President Trump for issuing this Executive Order. [Such] a top-to-bottom review of the federal government is long overdue.” The President’s Executive Order (dated: March 13, 2017) on a [Comprehensive Plan for Reorganizing the Executive Branch](#) represents the most comprehensive review of the Executive Branch of the Government of the United States since the second Hoover Commission in 1953. It is hoped, that the E.O. will result in a plan to eliminate or reorganize unnecessary or redundant federal agencies will bring economy and efficiency to the government, unleash the private sector, save tax dollars, and help the government improve service to the citizens at a lower cost.

Background:

There have been numerous studies, reports and recommendations by members of Congress, GAO, Inspectors General, National Research Council, National Academy of Public Administration, and private sector organizations regarding duplication, reform, reorganization, and obsolescence. Most of those recommendations have never been implemented. Today, the federal government has a workforce of more than 2.1 million employees (not including the Postal Service or uniformed military) and the Office of Management and Budget has reported, based on data from the agencies themselves, that more than 1.2 million are in positions that are *commercial* in nature. These are positions in functions and activities that duplicate or compete with the private sector, and most have never been studied or subject to public-private cost analysis to determine the more economical and efficient provider of those services. In 1988, the Commission on Privatization, appointed by President Reagan, issued a report with a long list of activities that should be transferred to the private sector, but most are still in the federal government today.

About the Business Coalition for Fair Competition:

[BCFC](#) is a national coalition of businesses, associations, taxpayer organizations and think tanks that are committed to reducing all forms of unfair government created, sponsored and provided competition with the private sector. BCFC believes the free enterprise system is the most productive and efficient provider of goods and services and strongly supports the Federal government utilizing the private sector for commercially available products and services to the maximum extent possible.