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AN ACT

To amend chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code, to further the goals of the Paperwork Reduction Act to have Federal agencies become more responsible and publicly accountable for reducing the burden of Federal paperwork on the public, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Paperwork Reduction
5 Act of 1995”.

1 **SEC. 2. COORDINATION OF FEDERAL INFORMATION POL-**
 2 **ICY.**

3 Chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code, is amend-
 4 ed to read as follows:

5 **“CHAPTER 35—COORDINATION OF**
 6 **FEDERAL INFORMATION POLICY**

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“3518. Effect on existing laws and regulations.

“3519. Access to information.

“3520. Authorization of appropriations.

7 **“§ 3501. Purposes**

8 “The purposes of this chapter are to—

9 “(1) minimize the paperwork burden for indi-
 10 viduals, small businesses, educational and nonprofit
 11 institutions, Federal contractors, State, local and
 12 tribal governments, and other persons resulting from
 13 the collection of information by or for the Federal
 14 Government;

1 “(2) ensure the greatest possible public benefit
2 from and maximize the utility of information cre-
3 ated, collected, maintained, used, shared and dis-
4 seminated by or for the Federal Government;

5 “(3) coordinate, integrate, and to the extent
6 practicable and appropriate, make uniform Federal
7 information resources management policies and
8 practices as a means to improve the productivity, ef-
9 ficiency, and effectiveness of Government programs,
10 including the reduction of information collection bur-
11 dens on the public and the improvement of service
12 delivery to the public;

13 “(4) improve the quality and use of Federal in-
14 formation to strengthen decisionmaking, accountabil-
15 ity, and openness in Government and society;

16 “(5) minimize the cost to the Federal Govern-
17 ment of the creation, collection, maintenance, use,
18 dissemination, and disposition of information;

19 “(6) strengthen the partnership between the
20 Federal Government and State, local, and tribal gov-
21 ernments by minimizing the burden and maximizing
22 the utility of information created, collected, main-
23 tained, used, disseminated, and retained by or for
24 the Federal Government;

1 “(7) provide for the dissemination of public in-
2 formation on a timely basis, on equitable terms, and
3 in a manner that promotes the utility of the infor-
4 mation to the public and makes effective use of
5 information technology;

6 “(8) ensure that the creation, collection, main-
7 tenance, use, dissemination, and disposition of infor-
8 mation by or for the Federal Government is consist-
9 ent with applicable laws, including laws relating to—

10 “(A) privacy and confidentiality, including
11 section 552a of title 5;

12 “(B) security of information, including the
13 Computer Security Act of 1987 (Public Law
14 100–235); and

15 “(C) access to information, including sec-
16 tion 552 of title 5;

17 “(9) ensure the integrity, quality, and utility of
18 the Federal statistical system;

19 “(10) ensure that information technology is ac-
20 quired, used, and managed to improve performance
21 of agency missions, including the reduction of infor-
22 mation collection burdens on the public; and

23 “(11) improve the responsibility and account-
24 ability of the Office of Management and Budget and
25 all other Federal agencies to Congress and to the

1 public for implementing the information collection
2 review process, information resources management,
3 and related policies and guidelines established under
4 this chapter.

5 **“§ 3502. Definitions**

6 “As used in this chapter—

7 “(1) the term ‘agency’ means any executive
8 department, military department, Government cor-
9 poration, Government controlled corporation, or
10 other establishment in the executive branch of the
11 Government (including the Executive Office of the
12 President), or any independent regulatory agency,
13 but does not include—

14 “(A) the General Accounting Office;

15 “(B) Federal Election Commission;

16 “(C) the governments of the District of
17 Columbia and of the territories and possessions
18 of the United States, and their various subdivi-
19 sions; or

20 “(D) Government-owned contractor-oper-
21 ated facilities, including laboratories engaged in
22 national defense research and production activi-
23 ties;

24 “(2) the term ‘burden’ means time, effort, or fi-
25 nancial resources expended by persons to generate,

1 maintain, or provide information to or for a Federal
2 agency, including the resources expended for—

3 “(A) reviewing instructions;

4 “(B) acquiring, installing, and utilizing
5 technology and systems;

6 “(C) adjusting the existing ways to comply
7 with any previously applicable instructions and
8 requirements;

9 “(D) searching data sources;

10 “(E) completing and reviewing the collec-
11 tion of information; and

12 “(F) transmitting, or otherwise disclosing
13 the information;

14 “(3) the term ‘collection of information’ means
15 the obtaining, causing to be obtained, soliciting, or
16 requiring the disclosure to third parties or the pub-
17 lic, of facts or opinions by or for an agency, regard-
18 less of form or format, calling for either—

19 “(A) answers to identical questions posed
20 to, or identical reporting or recordkeeping re-
21 quirements imposed on, ten or more persons,
22 other than agencies, instrumentalities, or
23 employees of the United States; or

24 “(B) answers to questions posed to agen-
25 cies, instrumentalities, or employees of the

1 United States which are to be used for general
2 statistical purposes;

3 “(4) the term ‘Director’ means the Director of
4 the Office of Management and Budget;

5 “(5) the term ‘independent regulatory agency’
6 means the Board of Governors of the Federal Re-
7 serve System, the Commodity Futures Trading Com-
8 mission, the Consumer Product Safety Commission,
9 the Federal Communications Commission, the Fed-
10 eral Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Federal En-
11 ergy Regulatory Commission, the Federal Housing
12 Finance Board, the Federal Maritime Commission,
13 the Federal Trade Commission, the Interstate Com-
14 merce Commission, the Mine Enforcement Safety
15 and Health Review Commission, the National Labor
16 Relations Board, the Nuclear Regulatory Commis-
17 sion, the Occupational Safety and Health Review
18 Commission, the Postal Rate Commission, the Secu-
19 rities and Exchange Commission, and any other
20 similar agency designated by statute as a Federal
21 independent regulatory agency or commission;

22 “(6) the term ‘information resources’ means in-
23 formation and related resources, such as personnel,
24 equipment, funds, and information technology;

1 “(7) the term ‘information resources manage-
2 ment’ means the process of managing information
3 resources to accomplish agency missions and to im-
4 prove agency performance, including through the re-
5 duction of information collection burdens on the
6 public;

7 “(8) the term ‘information system’ means a dis-
8 crete set of information resources and processes,
9 automated or manual, organized for the collection,
10 processing, maintenance, use, sharing, dissemina-
11 tion, or disposition of information;

12 “(9) the term ‘information technology’ has the
13 same meaning as the term ‘automatic data process-
14 ing equipment’ as defined by section 111(a)(2) of
15 the Federal Property and Administrative Services
16 Act of 1949 (40 U.S.C. 759(a)(2));

17 “(10) the term ‘person’ means an individual,
18 partnership, association, corporation, business trust,
19 or legal representative, an organized group of indi-
20 viduals, a State, territorial, or local government or
21 branch thereof, or a political subdivision of a State,
22 territory, or local government or a branch of a politi-
23 cal subdivision;

24 “(11) the term ‘practical utility’ means the abil-
25 ity of an agency to use information, particularly the

1 capability to process such information in a timely
2 and useful fashion;

3 “(12) the term ‘public information’ means any
4 information, regardless of form or format, that an
5 agency discloses, disseminates, or makes available to
6 the public; and

7 “(13) the term ‘recordkeeping requirement’
8 means a requirement imposed by or for an agency
9 on persons to maintain specified records, including a
10 requirement to—

11 “(A) retain such records;

12 “(B) notify third parties or the public of
13 the existence of such records;

14 “(C) disclose such records to third parties
15 or the public; or

16 “(D) report to third parties or the public
17 regarding such records.

18 **“§ 3503. Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs**

19 “(a) There is established in the Office of Manage-
20 ment and Budget an office to be known as the Office of
21 Information and Regulatory Affairs.

22 “(b) There shall be at the head of the Office an Ad-
23 ministrator who shall be appointed by the President, by
24 and with the advice and consent of the Senate. The Direc-
25 tor shall delegate to the Administrator the authority to

1 administer all functions under this chapter, except that
2 any such delegation shall not relieve the Director of re-
3 sponsibility for the administration of such functions. The
4 Administrator shall serve as principal adviser to the Direc-
5 tor on Federal information resources management policy.

6 **“§ 3504. Authority and functions of Director**

7 “(a)(1) The Director shall—

8 “(A) develop, coordinate and oversee the imple-
9 mentation of Federal information resources manage-
10 ment policies, principles, standards, and guidelines;
11 and

12 “(B) provide direction and oversee—

13 “(i) the review and approval of the collec-
14 tion of information and the reduction of the
15 information collection burden;

16 “(ii) agency dissemination of and public
17 access to information;

18 “(iii) statistical activities;

19 “(iv) records management activities;

20 “(v) privacy, confidentiality, security,
21 disclosure, and sharing of information; and

22 “(vi) the acquisition and use of informa-
23 tion technology.

24 “(2) The authority of the Director under this chapter
25 shall be exercised consistent with applicable law.

1 “(b) With respect to general information resources
2 management policy, the Director shall—

3 “(1) develop and oversee the implementation of
4 uniform information resources management policies,
5 principles, standards, and guidelines;

6 “(2) foster greater sharing, dissemination, and
7 access to public information, including through—

8 “(A) the use of the Government Informa-
9 tion Locator Service; and

10 “(B) the development and utilization of
11 common standards for information collection,
12 storage, processing and communication, includ-
13 ing standards for security, interconnectivity and
14 interoperability;

15 “(3) initiate and review proposals for changes
16 in legislation, regulations, and agency procedures to
17 improve information resources management prac-
18 tices;

19 “(4) oversee the development and implementa-
20 tion of best practices in information resources man-
21 agement, including training; and

22 “(5) oversee agency integration of program and
23 management functions with information resources
24 management functions.

1 “(c) With respect to the collection of information and
2 the control of paperwork, the Director shall—

3 “(1) review and approve proposed agency collec-
4 tions of information;

5 “(2) coordinate the review of the collection of
6 information associated with Federal procurement
7 and acquisition by the Office of Information and
8 Regulatory Affairs with the Office of Federal Pro-
9 curement Policy, with particular emphasis on apply-
10 ing information technology to improve the efficiency
11 and effectiveness of Federal procurement, acquisi-
12 tion, and payment and to reduce information collec-
13 tion burdens on the public;

14 “(3) minimize the Federal information collec-
15 tion burden, with particular emphasis on those indi-
16 viduals and entities most adversely affected;

17 “(4) maximize the practical utility of and public
18 benefit from information collected by or for the
19 Federal Government;

20 “(5) establish and oversee standards and guide-
21 lines by which agencies are to estimate the burden
22 to comply with a proposed collection of information;
23 and

24 “(6) place an emphasis on minimizing the bur-
25 den on small businesses with 50 or fewer employees.

1 “(d) With respect to information dissemination, the
2 Director shall develop and oversee the implementation of
3 policies, principles, standards, and guidelines to—

4 “(1) apply to Federal agency dissemination of
5 public information, regardless of the form or format
6 in which such information is disseminated; and

7 “(2) promote public access to public informa-
8 tion and fulfill the purposes of this chapter, includ-
9 ing through the effective use of information tech-
10 nology.

11 “(e) With respect to statistical policy and coordina-
12 tion, the Director shall—

13 “(1) coordinate the activities of the Federal sta-
14 tistical system to ensure—

15 “(A) the efficiency and effectiveness of the
16 system; and

17 “(B) the integrity, objectivity, impartiality,
18 utility, and confidentiality of information col-
19 lected for statistical purposes;

20 “(2) ensure that budget proposals of agencies
21 are consistent with system-wide priorities for main-
22 taining and improving the quality of Federal statis-
23 tics and prepare an annual report on statistical pro-
24 gram funding;

1 “(3) develop and oversee the implementation of
2 Governmentwide policies, principles, standards, and
3 guidelines concerning—

4 “(A) statistical collection procedures and
5 methods;

6 “(B) statistical data classification;

7 “(C) statistical information presentation
8 and dissemination;

9 “(D) timely release of statistical data; and

10 “(E) such statistical data sources as may
11 be required for the administration of Federal
12 programs;

13 “(4) evaluate statistical program performance
14 and agency compliance with Governmentwide poli-
15 cies, principles, standards and guidelines;

16 “(5) promote the sharing of information col-
17 lected for statistical purposes consistent with privacy
18 rights and confidentiality pledges;

19 “(6) coordinate the participation of the United
20 States in international statistical activities, including
21 the development of comparable statistics;

22 “(7) appoint a chief statistician who is a
23 trained and experienced professional statistician to
24 carry out the functions described under this sub-
25 section;

1 “(8) establish an Interagency Council on Statis-
2 tical Policy to advise and assist the Director in car-
3 rying out the functions under this subsection that
4 shall—

5 “(A) be headed by the chief statistician;

6 and

7 “(B) consist of—

8 “(i) the heads of the major statistical
9 programs; and

10 “(ii) representatives of other statis-
11 tical agencies under rotating membership;

12 and

13 “(9) provide opportunities for training in statis-
14 tical policy functions to employees of the Federal
15 Government under which—

16 “(A) each trainee shall be selected at the
17 discretion of the Director based on agency re-
18 quests and shall serve under the chief statisti-
19 cian for at least 6 months and not more than
20 1 year; and

21 “(B) all costs of the training shall be paid
22 by the agency requesting training.

23 “(f) With respect to records management, the Direc-
24 tor shall—

1 “(1) provide advice and assistance to the Archi-
2 vist of the United States and the Administrator of
3 General Services to promote coordination in the ad-
4 ministration of chapters 29, 31, and 33 of this title
5 with the information resources management policies,
6 principles, standards, and guidelines established
7 under this chapter;

8 “(2) review compliance by agencies with—

9 “(A) the requirements of chapters 29, 31,
10 and 33 of this title; and

11 “(B) regulations promulgated by the Ar-
12 chivist of the United States and the Adminis-
13 trator of General Services; and

14 “(3) oversee the application of records manage-
15 ment policies, principles, standards, and guidelines,
16 including requirements for archiving information
17 maintained in electronic format, in the planning and
18 design of information systems.

19 “(g) With respect to privacy and security, the Direc-
20 tor shall—

21 “(1) develop and oversee the implementation of
22 policies, principles, standards, and guidelines on pri-
23 vacy, confidentiality, security, disclosure and sharing
24 of information collected or maintained by or for
25 agencies;

1 “(2) oversee and coordinate compliance with
2 sections 552 and 552a of title 5, the Computer Se-
3 curity Act of 1987 (40 U.S.C. 759 note), and relat-
4 ed information management laws; and

5 “(3) require Federal agencies, consistent with
6 the Computer Security Act of 1987 (40 U.S.C. 759
7 note), to identify and afford security protections
8 commensurate with the risk and magnitude of the
9 harm resulting from the loss, misuse, or unauthor-
10 ized access to or modification of information col-
11 lected or maintained by or on behalf of an agency.

12 “(h) With respect to Federal information technology,
13 the Director shall—

14 “(1) in consultation with the Director of the
15 National Institute of Standards and Technology and
16 the Administrator of General Services—

17 “(A) develop and oversee the implementa-
18 tion of policies, principles, standards, and
19 guidelines for information technology functions
20 and activities of the Federal Government, in-
21 cluding periodic evaluations of major informa-
22 tion systems; and

23 “(B) oversee the development and imple-
24 mentation of standards under section 111(d) of

1 the Federal Property and Administrative Serv-
2 ices Act of 1949 (40 U.S.C. 759(d));

3 “(2) monitor the effectiveness of, and compli-
4 ance with, directives issued under sections 110 and
5 111 of the Federal Property and Administrative
6 Services Act of 1949 (40 U.S.C. 757 and 759);

7 “(3) coordinate the development and review by
8 the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs of
9 policy associated with Federal procurement and ac-
10 quisition of information technology with the Office of
11 Federal Procurement Policy;

12 “(4) ensure, through the review of agency budg-
13 et proposals, information resources management
14 plans and other means—

15 “(A) agency integration of information re-
16 sources management plans, program plans and
17 budgets for acquisition and use of information
18 technology; and

19 “(B) the efficiency and effectiveness of
20 inter-agency information technology initiatives
21 to improve agency performance and the accom-
22 plishment of agency missions; and

23 “(5) promote the use of information technology
24 by the Federal Government to improve the produc-
25 tivity, efficiency, and effectiveness of Federal pro-

1 grams, including through dissemination of public in-
2 formation and the reduction of information collection
3 burdens on the public.

4 **“§ 3505. Assignment of tasks and deadlines**

5 “(a) In carrying out the functions under this chapter,
6 the Director shall—

7 “(1) in consultation with agency heads, set an
8 annual Governmentwide goal for the reduction of in-
9 formation collection burdens by at least ~~five~~ 10 per-
10 cent, and set annual agency goals to—

11 “(A) reduce information collection burdens
12 imposed on the public that—

13 “(i) represent the maximum prac-
14 ticable opportunity in each agency; and

15 “(ii) are consistent with improving
16 agency management of the process for the
17 review of collections of information estab-
18 lished under section 3506(c); and

19 “(B) improve information resources man-
20 agement in ways that increase the productivity,
21 efficiency and effectiveness of Federal pro-
22 grams, including service delivery to the public;

23 “(2) with selected agencies and non-Federal en-
24 tities on a voluntary basis, initiate and conduct pilot
25 projects to test alternative policies, practices, regula-

1 tions, and procedures to fulfill the purposes of this
2 chapter, particularly with regard to minimizing the
3 Federal information collection burden; and

4 “(3) in consultation with the Administrator of
5 General Services, the Director of the National Insti-
6 tute of Standards and Technology, the Archivist of
7 the United States, and the Director of the Office of
8 Personnel Management, develop and maintain a
9 Governmentwide strategic plan for information re-
10 sources management, that shall include—

11 “(A) a description of the objectives and the
12 means by which the Federal Government shall
13 apply information resources to improve agency
14 and program performance;

15 “(B) plans for—

16 “(i) reducing information burdens on
17 the public, including reducing such bur-
18 dens through the elimination of duplication
19 and meeting shared data needs with shared
20 resources;

21 “(ii) enhancing public access to and
22 dissemination of, information, using elec-
23 tronic and other formats; and

24 “(iii) meeting the information tech-
25 nology needs of the Federal Government in

1 accordance with the purposes of this chap-
2 ter; and

3 “(C) a description of progress in applying
4 information resources management to improve
5 agency performance and the accomplishment of
6 missions.

7 “(b) For purposes of any pilot project conducted
8 under subsection (a)(2), the Director may waive the appli-
9 cation of any regulation or administrative directive issued
10 by an agency with which the project is conducted, includ-
11 ing any regulation or directive requiring a collection of in-
12 formation, after giving timely notice to the public and the
13 Congress regarding the need for such waiver.

14 **“§ 3506. Federal agency responsibilities**

15 “(a)(1) The head of each agency shall be responsible
16 for—

17 “(A) carrying out the agency’s information re-
18 sources management activities to improve agency
19 productivity, efficiency, and effectiveness; and

20 “(B) complying with the requirements of this
21 chapter and related policies established by the Direc-
22 tor.

23 “(2)(A) Except as provided under subparagraph (B),
24 the head of each agency shall designate a senior official

1 who shall report directly to such agency head to carry out
2 the responsibilities of the agency under this chapter.

3 “(B) The Secretary of the Department of Defense
4 and the Secretary of each military department may each
5 designate a senior official who shall report directly to such
6 Secretary to carry out the responsibilities of the depart-
7 ment under this chapter. If more than one official is des-
8 ignated for the military departments, the respective duties
9 of the officials shall be clearly delineated.

10 “(3) The senior official designated under paragraph
11 (2) shall head an office responsible for ensuring agency
12 compliance with and prompt, efficient, and effective imple-
13 mentation of the information policies and information re-
14 sources management responsibilities established under
15 this chapter, including the reduction of information collec-
16 tion burdens on the public. The senior official and employ-
17 ees of such office shall be selected with special attention
18 to the professional qualifications required to administer
19 the functions described under this chapter.

20 “(4) Each agency program official shall be respon-
21 sible and accountable for information resources assigned
22 to and supporting the programs under such official. In
23 consultation with the senior official designated under
24 paragraph (2) and the agency Chief Financial Officer (or
25 comparable official), each agency program official shall de-

1 fine program information needs and develop strategies,
2 systems, and capabilities to meet those needs.

3 “(b) With respect to general information resources
4 management, each agency shall—

5 “(1) manage information resources to—

6 “(A) reduce information collection burdens
7 on the public;

8 “(B) increase program efficiency and effec-
9 tiveness; and

10 “(C) improve the integrity, quality, and
11 utility of information to all users within and
12 outside the agency, including capabilities for en-
13 suring dissemination of public information, pub-
14 lic access to government information, and pro-
15 tections for privacy and security;

16 “(2) in accordance with guidance by the Direc-
17 tor, develop and maintain a strategic information re-
18 sources management plan that shall describe how in-
19 formation resources management activities help ac-
20 complish agency missions;

21 “(3) develop and maintain an ongoing process
22 to—

23 “(A) ensure that information resources
24 management operations and decisions are inte-
25 grated with organizational planning, budget, fi-

1 nancial management, human resources manage-
2 ment, and program decisions;

3 “(B) in cooperation with the agency Chief
4 Financial Officer (or comparable official), de-
5 velop a full and accurate accounting of informa-
6 tion technology expenditures, related expenses,
7 and results; and

8 “(C) establish goals for improving informa-
9 tion resources management’s contribution to
10 program productivity, efficiency, and effective-
11 ness, methods for measuring progress towards
12 those goals, and clear roles and responsibilities
13 for achieving those goals;

14 “(4) in consultation with the Director, the Ad-
15 ministrator of General Services, and the Archivist of
16 the United States, maintain a current and complete
17 inventory of the agency’s information resources, in-
18 cluding directories necessary to fulfill the require-
19 ments of section 3511 of this chapter; and

20 “(5) in consultation with the Director and the
21 Director of the Office of Personnel Management,
22 conduct formal training programs to educate agency
23 program and management officials about informa-
24 tion resources management.

1 “(c) With respect to the collection of information and
2 the control of paperwork, each agency shall—

3 “(1) establish a process within the office headed
4 by the official designated under subsection (a), that
5 is sufficiently independent of program responsibility
6 to evaluate fairly whether proposed collections of in-
7 formation should be approved under this chapter,
8 to—

9 “(A) review each collection of information
10 before submission to the Director for review
11 under this chapter, including—

12 “(i) an evaluation of the need for the
13 collection of information;

14 “(ii) a functional description of the in-
15 formation to be collected;

16 “(iii) a plan for the collection of the
17 information;

18 “(iv) a specific, objectively supported
19 estimate of burden;

20 “(v) a test of the collection of infor-
21 mation through a pilot program, if appro-
22 priate; and

23 “(vi) a plan for the efficient and effec-
24 tive management and use of the informa-

1 tion to be collected, including necessary re-
2 sources;

3 “(B) ensure that each information collec-
4 tion—

5 “(i) is inventoried, displays a control
6 number and, if appropriate, an expiration
7 date;

8 “(ii) indicates the collection is in ac-
9 cordance with the clearance requirements
10 of section 3507; and

11 “(iii) contains a statement to inform
12 the person receiving the collection of infor-
13 mation—

14 “(I) the reasons the information
15 is being collected;

16 “(II) the way such information is
17 to be used;

18 “(III) an estimate, to the extent
19 practicable, of the burden of the col-
20 lection; and

21 “(IV) whether responses to the
22 collection of information are vol-
23 untary, required to obtain a benefit,
24 or mandatory; and

1 “(C) assess the information collection bur-
2 den of proposed legislation affecting the agency;

3 “(2)(A) except for good cause or as provided
4 under subparagraph (B), provide 60-day notice in
5 the Federal Register, and otherwise consult with
6 members of the public and affected agencies con-
7 cerning each proposed collection of information, to
8 solicit comment to—

9 “(i) evaluate whether the proposed collec-
10 tion of information is necessary for the proper
11 performance of the functions of the agency, in-
12 cluding whether the information shall have
13 practical utility;

14 “(ii) evaluate the accuracy of the agency’s
15 estimate of the burden of the proposed collec-
16 tion of information;

17 “(iii) enhance the quality, utility, and clar-
18 ity of the information to be collected; and

19 “(iv) minimize the burden of the collection
20 of information on those who are to respond, in-
21 cluding through the use of automated collection
22 techniques or other forms of information tech-
23 nology; and

24 “(B) for any proposed collection of information
25 contained in a proposed rule (to be reviewed by the

1 Director under section 3507(d)), provide notice and
2 comment through the notice of proposed rulemaking
3 for the proposed rule and such notice shall have the
4 same purposes specified under subparagraph (A) (i)
5 through (iv);

6 “(3) certify (and provide a record supporting
7 such certification, including public comments re-
8 ceived by the agency) that each collection of infor-
9 mation submitted to the Director for review under
10 section 3507—

11 “(A) is necessary for the proper perform-
12 ance of the functions of the agency, including
13 that the information has practical utility;

14 “(B) is not unnecessarily duplicative of in-
15 formation otherwise reasonably accessible to the
16 agency;

17 “(C) reduces to the extent practicable and
18 appropriate the burden on persons who shall
19 provide information to or for the agency, in-
20 cluding with respect to small entities, as defined
21 under section 601(6) of title 5, the use of such
22 techniques as—

23 “(i) establishing differing compliance
24 or reporting requirements or timetables

1 that take into account the resources avail-
2 able to those who are to respond;

3 “(ii) the clarification, consolidation, or
4 simplification of compliance and reporting
5 requirements; or

6 “(iii) an exemption from coverage of
7 the collection of information, or any part
8 thereof;

9 “(D) is written using plain, coherent, and
10 unambiguous terminology and is understand-
11 able to those who are to respond;

12 “(E) is to be implemented in ways consist-
13 ent and compatible, to the maximum extent
14 practicable, with the existing reporting and rec-
15 ordkeeping practices of those who are to re-
16 spond;

17 “(F) indicates for each recordkeeping re-
18 quirement the length of time persons are re-
19 quired to maintain the records specified;

20 “(G) contains the statement required
21 under paragraph (1)(B)(iii);

22 “(H) has been developed by an office that
23 has planned and allocated resources for the effi-
24 cient and effective management and use of the
25 information to be collected, including the proc-

1 essing of the information in a manner which
2 shall enhance, where appropriate, the utility of
3 the information to agencies and the public;

4 “(I) uses effective and efficient statistical
5 survey methodology appropriate to the purpose
6 for which the information is to be collected; and

7 “(J) to the maximum extent practicable,
8 uses information technology to reduce burden
9 and improve data quality, agency efficiency and
10 responsiveness to the public; and

11 “(4) place an emphasis on minimizing the
12 bureen on small businesses with 50 or fewer employ-
13 ees.

14 “(d) With respect to information dissemination, each
15 agency shall—

16 “(1) ensure that the public has timely, equal,
17 and equitable access to the agency’s public informa-
18 tion, including ensuring such access through—

19 “(A) encouraging a diversity of public and
20 private sources for information based on gov-
21 ernment public information,

22 “(B) in cases in which the agency provides
23 public information maintained in electronic for-
24 mat, providing timely, equal, and equitable ac-

1 cess to the underlying data (in whole or in
2 part); and

3 “(C) agency dissemination of public infor-
4 mation in an efficient, effective, and economical
5 manner;

6 “(2) regularly solicit and consider public input
7 on the agency’s information dissemination activities;

8 “(3) provide adequate notice when initiating,
9 substantially modifying, or terminating significant
10 information dissemination products; and

11 “(4) not, except where specifically authorized by
12 statute—

13 “(A) establish an exclusive, restricted, or
14 other distribution arrangement that interferes
15 with timely and equitable availability of public
16 information to the public;

17 “(B) restrict or regulate the use, resale, or
18 redissemination of public information by the
19 public;

20 “(C) charge fees or royalties for resale or
21 redissemination of public information; or

22 “(D) establish user fees for public informa-
23 tion that exceed the cost of dissemination, ex-
24 cept that the Director may waive the applica-
25 tion of this subparagraph to an agency, if—

1 “(i) the head of the agency submits a
2 written request to the Director, publishes a
3 notice of the request in the Federal Reg-
4 ister, and provides a copy of the request to
5 the public upon request;

6 “(ii) the Director sets forth in writing
7 a statement of the scope, conditions, and
8 duration of the waiver and the reasons for
9 granting it, and makes such statement
10 available to the public upon request; and

11 “(iii) the granting of the waiver would
12 not materially impair the timely and equi-
13 table availability of public information to
14 the public.

15 “(e) With respect to statistical policy and coordina-
16 tion, each agency shall—

17 “(1) ensure the relevance, accuracy, timeliness,
18 integrity, and objectivity of information collected or
19 created for statistical purposes;

20 “(2) inform respondents fully and accurately
21 about the sponsors, purposes, and uses of statistical
22 surveys and studies;

23 “(3) protect respondents’ privacy and ensure
24 that disclosure policies fully honor pledges of con-
25 fidentiality;

1 “(4) observe Federal standards and practices
2 for data collection, analysis, documentation, sharing,
3 and dissemination of information;

4 “(5) ensure the timely publication of the results
5 of statistical surveys and studies, including informa-
6 tion about the quality and limitations of the surveys
7 and studies; and

8 “(6) make data available to statistical agencies
9 and readily accessible to the public.

10 “(f) With respect to records management, each agen-
11 cy shall implement and enforce applicable policies and pro-
12 cedures, including requirements for archiving information
13 maintained in electronic format, particularly in the plan-
14 ning, design and operation of information systems.

15 “(g) With respect to privacy and security, each agen-
16 cy shall—

17 “(1) implement and enforce applicable policies,
18 procedures, standards, and guidelines on privacy,
19 confidentiality, security, disclosure and sharing of
20 information collected or maintained by or for the
21 agency;

22 “(2) assume responsibility and accountability
23 for compliance with and coordinated management of
24 sections 552 and 552a of title 5, the Computer Se-

1 security Act of 1987 (40 U.S.C. 759 note), and relat-
2 ed information management laws; and

3 “(3) consistent with the Computer Security Act
4 of 1987 (40 U.S.C. 759 note), identify and afford
5 security protections commensurate with the risk and
6 magnitude of the harm resulting from the loss, mis-
7 use, or unauthorized access to or modification of in-
8 formation collected or maintained by or on behalf of
9 an agency.

10 “(h) With respect to Federal information technology,
11 each agency shall—

12 “(1) implement and enforce applicable Govern-
13 mentwide and agency information technology man-
14 agement policies, principles, standards, and guide-
15 lines;

16 “(2) assume responsibility and accountability
17 for information technology investments;

18 “(3) promote the use of information technology
19 by the agency to improve the productivity, efficiency,
20 and effectiveness of agency programs, including the
21 reduction of information collection burdens on the
22 public and improved dissemination of public infor-
23 mation;

24 “(4) propose changes in legislation, regulations,
25 and agency procedures to improve information tech-

1 nology practices, including changes that improve the
2 ability of the agency to use technology to reduce
3 burden; and

4 “(5) assume responsibility for maximizing the
5 value and assessing and managing the risks of major
6 information systems initiatives through a process
7 that is—

8 “(A) integrated with budget, financial, and
9 program management decisions; and

10 “(B) used to select, control, and evaluate
11 the results of major information systems initia-
12 tives.

13 **“§ 3507. Public information collection activities; sub-**
14 **mission to Director; approval and delega-**
15 **tion**

16 “(a) An agency shall not conduct or sponsor the col-
17 lection of information unless in advance of the adoption
18 or revision of the collection of information—

19 “(1) the agency has—

20 “(A) conducted the review established
21 under section 3506(c)(1);

22 “(B) evaluated the public comments re-
23 ceived under section 3506(c)(2);

24 “(C) submitted to the Director the certifi-
25 cation required under section 3506(c)(3), the

1 proposed collection of information, copies of
2 pertinent statutory authority, regulations, and
3 other related materials as the Director may
4 specify; and

5 “(D) published a notice in the Federal
6 Register—

7 “(i) stating that the agency has made
8 such submission; and

9 “(ii) setting forth—

10 “(I) a title for the collection of
11 information;

12 “(II) a summary of the collection
13 of information;

14 “(III) a brief description of the
15 need for the information and the pro-
16 posed use of the information;

17 “(IV) a description of the likely
18 respondents and proposed frequency
19 of response to the collection of infor-
20 mation;

21 “(V) an estimate of the burden
22 that shall result from the collection of
23 information; and

1 “(VI) notice that comments may
2 be submitted to the agency and Direc-
3 tor;

4 “(2) the Director has approved the proposed
5 collection of information or approval has been in-
6 ferred, under the provisions of this section; and

7 “(3) the agency has obtained from the Director
8 a control number to be displayed upon the collection
9 of information.

10 “(b) The Director shall provide at least 30 days for
11 public comment prior to making a decision under sub-
12 section (c), (d), or (h), except for good cause or as pro-
13 vided under subsection (j).

14 “(c)(1) For any proposed collection of information
15 not contained in a proposed rule, the Director shall notify
16 the agency involved of the decision to approve or dis-
17 approve the proposed collection of information.

18 “(2) The Director shall provide the notification under
19 paragraph (1), within 60 days after receipt or publication
20 of the notice under subsection (a)(1)(D), whichever is
21 later.

22 “(3) If the Director does not notify the agency of a
23 denial or approval within the 60-day period described
24 under paragraph (2)—

25 “(A) the approval may be inferred;

1 “(B) a control number shall be assigned with-
2 out further delay; and

3 “(C) the agency may collect the information for
4 not more than 1 year.

5 “(d)(1) For any proposed collection of information
6 contained in a proposed rule—

7 “(A) as soon as practicable, but no later than
8 the date of publication of a notice of proposed rule-
9 making in the Federal Register, each agency shall
10 forward to the Director a copy of any proposed rule
11 which contains a collection of information and any
12 information requested by the Director necessary to
13 make the determination required under this sub-
14 section; and

15 “(B) within 60 days after the notice of pro-
16 posed rulemaking is published in the Federal Reg-
17 ister, the Director may file public comments pursu-
18 ant to the standards set forth in section 3508 on the
19 collection of information contained in the proposed
20 rule;

21 “(2) When a final rule is published in the Federal
22 Register, the agency shall explain—

23 “(A) how any collection of information con-
24 tained in the final rule responds to the comments,
25 if any, filed by the Director or the public; or

1 “(B) the reasons such comments were rejected.

2 “(3) If the Director has received notice and failed to
3 comment on an agency rule within 60 days after the notice
4 of proposed rulemaking, the Director may not disapprove
5 any collection of information specifically contained in an
6 agency rule.

7 “(4) No provision in this section shall be construed
8 to prevent the Director, in the Director’s discretion—

9 “(A) from disapproving any collection of infor-
10 mation which was not specifically required by an
11 agency rule;

12 “(B) from disapproving any collection of infor-
13 mation contained in an agency rule, if the agency
14 failed to comply with the requirements of paragraph
15 (1) of this subsection;

16 “(C) from disapproving any collection of infor-
17 mation contained in a final agency rule, if the Direc-
18 tor finds within 60 days after the publication of the
19 final rule, and after considering the agency’s re-
20 sponse to the Director’s comments filed under para-
21 graph (2), that the collection of information cannot
22 be approved under the standards set forth in section
23 3508; or

24 “(D) from disapproving any collection of infor-
25 mation contained in a final rule, if—

1 “(i) the Director determines that the agen-
2 cy has substantially modified in the final rule
3 the collection of information contained in the
4 proposed rule; and

5 “(ii) the agency has not given the Director
6 the information required under paragraph (1)
7 with respect to the modified collection of infor-
8 mation, at least 60 days before the issuance of
9 the final rule.

10 “(5) This subsection shall apply only when an agency
11 publishes a notice of proposed rulemaking and requests
12 public comments.

13 “(6) The decision by the Director to approve or not
14 act upon a collection of information contained in an agen-
15 cy rule shall not be subject to judicial review.

16 “(e)(1) Any decision by the Director under subsection
17 (c), (d), (h), or (j) to disapprove a collection of informa-
18 tion, or to instruct the agency to make substantive or ma-
19 terial change to a collection of information, shall be pub-
20 licly available and include an explanation of the reasons
21 for such decision.

22 “(2) Any written communication between the Admin-
23 istrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Af-
24 fairs, or any employee of the Office of Information and
25 Regulatory Affairs, and an agency or person not employed

1 by the Federal Government concerning a proposed collec-
2 tion of information shall be made available to the public.

3 “(3) This subsection shall not require the disclosure
4 of—

5 “(A) any information which is protected at all
6 times by procedures established for information
7 which has been specifically authorized under criteria
8 established by an Executive order or an Act of Con-
9 gress to be kept secret in the interest of national
10 defense or foreign policy; or

11 “(B) any communication relating to a collection
12 of information, the disclosure of which could lead to
13 retaliation or discrimination against the communica-
14 tor.

15 “(f)(1) An independent regulatory agency which is
16 administered by 2 or more members of a commission,
17 board, or similar body, may by majority vote void—

18 “(A) any disapproval by the Director, in whole
19 or in part, of a proposed collection of information
20 that agency; or

21 “(B) an exercise of authority under subsection
22 (d) of section 3507 concerning that agency.

23 “(2) The agency shall certify each vote to void such
24 disapproval or exercise to the Director, and explain the
25 reasons for such vote. The Director shall without further

1 delay assign a control number to such collection of infor-
2 mation, and such vote to void the disapproval or exercise
3 shall be valid for a period of 3 years.

4 “(g) The Director may not approve a collection of in-
5 formation for a period in excess of 3 years.

6 “(h)(1) If an agency decides to seek extension of the
7 Director’s approval granted for a currently approved col-
8 lection of information, the agency shall—

9 “(A) conduct the review established under sec-
10 tion 3506(c), including the seeking of comment from
11 the public on the continued need for, and burden im-
12 posed by the collection of information; and

13 “(B) after having made a reasonable effort to
14 seek public comment, but no later than 60 days be-
15 fore the expiration date of the control number as-
16 signed by the Director for the currently approved
17 collection of information, submit the collection of in-
18 formation for review and approval under this sec-
19 tion, which shall include an explanation of how the
20 agency has used the information that it has col-
21 lected.

22 “(2) If under the provisions of this section, the Direc-
23 tor disapproves a collection of information contained in an
24 existing rule, or recommends or instructs the agency to
25 make a substantive or material change to a collection of

1 information contained in an existing rule, the Director
2 shall—

3 “(A) publish an explanation thereof in the Fed-
4 eral Register; and

5 “(B) instruct the agency to undertake a rule-
6 making within a reasonable time limited to consider-
7 ation of changes to the collection of information con-
8 tained in the rule and thereafter to submit the col-
9 lection of information for approval or disapproval
10 under this chapter.

11 “(3) An agency may not make a substantive or mate-
12 rial modification to a collection of information after such
13 collection has been approved by the Director, unless the
14 modification has been submitted to the Director for review
15 and approval under this chapter.

16 “(i)(1) If the Director finds that a senior official of
17 an agency designated under section 3506(a) is sufficiently
18 independent of program responsibility to evaluate fairly
19 whether proposed collections of information should be ap-
20 proved and has sufficient resources to carry out this re-
21 sponsibility effectively, the Director may, by rule in ac-
22 cordance with the notice and comment provisions of chap-
23 ter 5 of title 5, United States Code, delegate to such offi-
24 cial the authority to approve proposed collections of infor-

1 mation in specific program areas, for specific purposes,
2 or for all agency purposes.

3 “(2) A delegation by the Director under this section
4 shall not preclude the Director from reviewing individual
5 collections of information if the Director determines that
6 circumstances warrant such a review. The Director shall
7 retain authority to revoke such delegations, both in gen-
8 eral and with regard to any specific matter. In acting for
9 the Director, any official to whom approval authority has
10 been delegated under this section shall comply fully with
11 the rules and regulations promulgated by the Director.

12 “(j)(1) The agency head may request the Director to
13 authorize collection of information prior to expiration of
14 time periods established under this chapter, if an agency
15 head determines that—

16 “(A) a collection of information—

17 “(i) is needed prior to the expiration of
18 such time periods; and

19 “(ii) is essential to the mission of the agen-
20 cy; and

21 “(B) the agency cannot reasonably comply with
22 the provisions of this chapter within such time peri-
23 ods because—

1 making a determination the Director may give the agency
2 and other interested persons an opportunity to be heard
3 or to submit statements in writing. To the extent, if any,
4 that the Director determines that the collection of infor-
5 mation by an agency is unnecessary for any reason, the
6 agency may not engage in the collection of information.

7 **“§ 3509. Designation of central collection agency**

8 “The Director may designate a central collection
9 agency to obtain information for two or more agencies if
10 the Director determines that the needs of such agencies
11 for information will be adequately served by a single collec-
12 tion agency, and such sharing of data is not inconsistent
13 with applicable law. In such cases the Director shall pre-
14 scribe (with reference to the collection of information) the
15 duties and functions of the collection agency so designated
16 and of the agencies for which it is to act as agent (includ-
17 ing reimbursement for costs). While the designation is in
18 effect, an agency covered by the designation may not ob-
19 tain for itself information for the agency which is the duty
20 of the collection agency to obtain. The Director may mod-
21 ify the designation from time to time as circumstances re-
22 quire. The authority to designate under this section is sub-
23 ject to the provisions of section 3507(f) of this chapter.

1 **“§ 3510. Cooperation of agencies in making informa-**
2 **tion available**

3 “(a) The Director may direct an agency to make
4 available to another agency, or an agency may make avail-
5 able to another agency, information obtained by a collec-
6 tion of information if the disclosure is not inconsistent
7 with applicable law.

8 “(b)(1) If information obtained by an agency is re-
9 leased by that agency to another agency, all the provisions
10 of law (including penalties which relate to the unlawful
11 disclosure of information) apply to the officers and em-
12 ployees of the agency to which information is released to
13 the same extent and in the same manner as the provisions
14 apply to the officers and employees of the agency which
15 originally obtained the information.

16 “(2) The officers and employees of the agency to
17 which the information is released, in addition, shall be
18 subject to the same provisions of law, including penalties,
19 relating to the unlawful disclosure of information as if the
20 information had been collected directly by that agency.

21 **“§ 3511. Establishment and operation of Government**
22 **Information Locator Service**

23 “In order to assist agencies and the public in locating
24 information and to promote information sharing and equi-
25 table access by the public, the Director shall—

1 “(1) cause to be established and maintained a
2 distributed agency-based electronic Government In-
3 formation Locator Service (hereafter in this section
4 referred to as the ‘Service’), which shall identify the
5 major information systems, holdings, and dissemina-
6 tion products of each agency;

7 “(2) require each agency to establish and main-
8 tain an agency information locator service as a com-
9 ponent of, and to support the establishment and op-
10 eration of the Service;

11 “(3) in cooperation with the Archivist of the
12 United States, the Administrator of General Serv-
13 ices, the Public Printer, and the Librarian of Con-
14 gress, establish an interagency committee to advise
15 the Secretary of Commerce on the development of
16 technical standards for the Service to ensure com-
17 patibility, promote information sharing, and uniform
18 access by the public;

19 “(4) consider public access and other user
20 needs in the establishment and operation of the
21 Service;

22 “(5) ensure the security and integrity of the
23 Service, including measures to ensure that only in-
24 formation which is intended to be disclosed to the
25 public is disclosed through the Service; and

1 agement, the Director shall periodically review selected
2 agency information resources management activities to as-
3 certain the efficiency and effectiveness of such activities
4 to improve agency performance and the accomplishment
5 of agency missions.

6 “(b) Each agency having an activity reviewed under
7 subsection (a) shall, within 60 days after receipt of a re-
8 port on the review, provide a written plan to the Director
9 describing steps (including milestones) to—

10 “(1) be taken to address information resources
11 management problems identified in the report; and

12 “(2) improve agency performance and the ac-
13 complishment of agency missions.

14 **“§ 3514. Responsiveness to Congress**

15 “(a)(1) The Director shall—

16 “(A) keep the Congress and congressional com-
17 mittees fully and currently informed of the major ac-
18 tivities under this chapter; and

19 “(B) submit a report on such activities to the
20 President of the Senate and the Speaker of the
21 House of Representatives annually and at such other
22 times as the Director determines necessary.

23 “(2) The Director shall include in any such report
24 a description of the extent to which agencies have—

1 “(A) reduced information collection burdens on
2 the public, including—

3 “(i) a summary of accomplishments and
4 planned initiatives to reduce collection of infor-
5 mation burdens;

6 “(ii) a list of all violations of this chapter
7 and of any rules, guidelines, policies, and proce-
8 dures issued pursuant to this chapter;

9 “(iii) a list of any increase in the collection
10 of information burden, including the authority
11 for each such collection; and

12 “(iv) a list of agencies that in the preced-
13 ing year did not reduce information collection
14 burdens by at least 10 percent pursuant to sec-
15 tion 3505, a list of the programs and statutory
16 responsibilities of those agencies that precluded
17 that reduction, and recommendations to assist
18 those agencies to reduce information collection
19 burdens in accordance with that section;

20 “(B) improved the quality and utility of statis-
21 tical information;

22 “(C) improved public access to Government in-
23 formation; and

1 “(b) Any person may request the Director to review
2 any collection of information conducted by or for an agen-
3 cy to determine, if, under this chapter, the person shall
4 maintain, provide, or disclose the information to or for the
5 agency. Unless the request is frivolous, the Director shall,
6 in coordination with the agency responsible for the collec-
7 tion of information—

8 “(1) respond to the request within 60 days
9 after receiving the request, unless such period is ex-
10 tended by the Director to a specified date and the
11 person making the request is given notice of such ex-
12 tension; and

13 “(2) take appropriate remedial action, if nec-
14 essary.

15 **“§ 3518. Effect on existing laws and regulations**

16 “(a) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, the
17 authority of an agency under any other law to prescribe
18 policies, rules, regulations, and procedures for Federal in-
19 formation resources management activities is subject to
20 the authority of the Director under this chapter.

21 “(b) Nothing in this chapter shall be deemed to affect
22 or reduce the authority of the Secretary of Commerce or
23 the Director of the Office of Management and Budget pur-
24 suant to Reorganization Plan No. 1 of 1977 (as amended)
25 and Executive order, relating to telecommunications and

1 information policy, procurement and management of tele-
2 communications and information systems, spectrum use,
3 and related matters.

4 “(c)(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), this
5 chapter shall not apply to obtaining, causing to be ob-
6 tained, soliciting, or requiring the disclosure to third par-
7 ties or the public, of facts or opinions—

8 “(A) during the conduct of a Federal criminal
9 investigation or prosecution, or during the disposi-
10 tion of a particular criminal matter;

11 “(B) during the conduct of—

12 “(i) a civil action to which the United
13 States or any official or agency thereof is a
14 party; or

15 “(ii) an administrative action or investiga-
16 tion involving an agency against specific indi-
17 viduals or entities;

18 “(C) by compulsory process pursuant to the
19 Antitrust Civil Process Act and section 13 of the
20 Federal Trade Commission Improvements Act of
21 1980; or

22 “(D) during the conduct of intelligence activi-
23 ties as defined in section 4-206 of Executive Order
24 No. 12036, issued January 24, 1978, or successor

1 orders, or during the conduct of cryptologic activities
2 that are communications security activities.

3 “(2) This chapter applies to obtaining, causing to be
4 obtained, soliciting, or requiring the disclosure to third
5 parties or the public, of facts or opinions during the con-
6 duct of general investigations (other than information col-
7 lected in an antitrust investigation to the extent provided
8 in subparagraph (C) of paragraph (1)) undertaken with
9 reference to a category of individuals or entities such as
10 a class of licensees or an entire industry.

11 “(d) Nothing in this chapter shall be interpreted as
12 increasing or decreasing the authority conferred by Public
13 Law 89–306 on the Administrator of the General Services
14 Administration, the Secretary of Commerce, or the Direc-
15 tor of the Office of Management and Budget.

16 “(e) Nothing in this chapter shall be interpreted as
17 increasing or decreasing the authority of the President,
18 the Office of Management and Budget or the Director
19 thereof, under the laws of the United States, with respect
20 to the substantive policies and programs of departments,
21 agencies and offices, including the substantive authority
22 of any Federal agency to enforce the civil rights laws.

23 **“§ 3519. Access to information**

24 “Under the conditions and procedures prescribed in
25 section 716 of title 31, the Director and personnel in the

1 Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs shall furnish
2 such information as the Comptroller General may require
3 for the discharge of the responsibilities of the Comptroller
4 General. For the purpose of obtaining such information,
5 the Comptroller General or representatives thereof shall
6 have access to all books, documents, papers and records,
7 regardless of form or format, of the Office.

8 **“§ 3520. Authorization of appropriations**

9 “There are authorized to be appropriated to the Of-
10 fice of Information and Regulatory Affairs to carry out
11 the provisions of this chapter such sums as may be nec-
12 essary.”.

13 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

14 The amendments made by this Act shall take effect
15 October 1, 1995.

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Attest:

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AN ACT

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