

STATEMENT OF BRIAN C. DEESE

**Nominee to Serve As
Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget**

**UNITED STATES SENATE COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET
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Thank you Chairman Murray, Ranking Member Sessions, and Members of the Committee for welcoming me today. It is an honor to be considered by this committee as the President's nominee to be Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

I am pleased that members of my family could join me today, including my mother and father who instilled in me a deep respect for, and commitment to, public service. I particularly want to recognize my wife, Kara, who is here as well.

I would also like to thank President Obama for nominating me to this position and to Director Burwell for her support and confidence in me. If confirmed, I will work hard to meet their high standards of performance on behalf of the American people.

Finally, I want to thank Members of the Committee and their staff for taking the time to meet with me over the last few weeks. If I am confirmed, I look forward to continuing our conversations and strengthening the vital relationship between OMB and this Committee.

Over the past several years, I have had the opportunity to work with many officials at OMB and across executive branch agencies to develop and implement Administration policies. This experience has given me a deep respect for the role that OMB plays in setting budget priorities and improving government performance, and for the skill and commitment of the professionals who work there.

I am humbled to be considered for this position at a moment when we as a Nation face the critical work of strengthening our economy and improving our fiscal position. We have made important progress over the last several years. Our economy is growing, our housing market is recovering, and our manufacturing sector is showing signs of strength. Our businesses are creating jobs on a consistent basis and together, Congress and the President have begun the hard work of bringing down our deficits and strengthening our Nation's long-term financial position.

But there is much more that we need to do together to deliver on what I believe must be our ultimate goal—an economy that provides opportunity and stability for working families.

Much of my professional work has focused on the role that fiscal policy can play in promoting stronger and more durable economic growth. I believe that sound fiscal policy requires all of us to not shy away from our long-term fiscal challenges and to work diligently to reduce our deficits to strengthen the economy for both current and future generations. If confirmed, I will work closely with Director Burwell to build on the progress we have made and to help find common

ground on the kind of comprehensive deficit reduction plan that will achieve these vital objectives.

A second key area of focus in this period of ongoing fiscal and economic challenges must be to make our Government more effective and efficient. Over the last several years, most recently as Deputy Director of the National Economic Council, I have developed a deep appreciation for the importance of applying sound management practices across the Federal Government, and I look forward to working with Congress to make progress on our many shared priorities.

Finally, I believe the Budget is fundamentally a vision for how Government and those of us in public service can deliver better outcomes for our economy and middle class families. It is, in essence, a reflection of our values and priorities as a country. If confirmed, I will work every day to uphold those values and priorities.

I want to thank the Committee for its time today and for considering my nomination. I look forward to answering your questions.