

THE WHITE HOUSE

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Dear Joe:

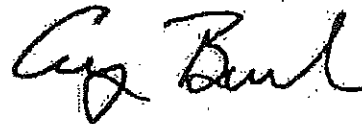
On November 16, I was pleased to sign into law, H.R. 5687, the Chief Financial Officers Act of 1990. This legislation creates a new Deputy Director of OMB for Management, and statutory Chief Financial Officers in all the major agencies of the government.

I suppose that everyone who has worked on the issue of Federal financial management improvement recalls how hard you worked, starting back in 1986, to persuade Congress that the steps authorized by H.R. 5687 were badly needed. As a Certified Public Accountant you understood the need to strengthen the systems that provide the President, the Congress, and the American people with the information necessary to make informed decisions on how public funds are spent.

Now, Joe, your hard work has been vindicated by passage of the CFO Act by the House and Senate, and by its being signed into law. I regret only that you were not in the House to take part first hand in the ultimate passage of this important piece of legislation.

Barbara joins me in wishing you our best for your continuing success.

Sincerely,



The Honorable Joseph J. DiGuardi