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Press Release

Good Government Coalition Calls on Congress to Consider Program Assessment and Results Act

Legislation Would Evaluate Effectiveness of Federal Agencies

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WASHINGTON DC– The Performance Institute today along with several other good government organizations called on members of the U.S. House of Representatives to consider the **Program Assessment and Results Act (PAR Act)** during the FY 2006 appropriations cycle.

In explaining why the Institute and other coalition members issued the rare joint letter to Congress, Performance Institute President Carl DeMaio commented: "The American people deserve to know what results they are getting from every federal program. When making budget decisions, the President and Congress should consider results, not intentions of programs. This legislation would provide for routine and transparent reporting of performance evaluations each year in the budget process."

The PAR Act would require that the White House Office of Management and Budget evaluate federal programs at least once every five years and make public the evaluations. Such assessments would then be used by Congress and the public to determine whether a federal program is meeting its goals and providing cost effective citizen services.

In addition to issuing a call to action, the Institute and its coalition members have also offered Congress their assistance in better understanding how specifics contained within the PAR Act, such a performance evaluations, would best serve the American people.

Signers of the letter include:

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Center for Innovation in Public Service
Reason Public Policy Institute
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