



CREATING GOOD JOBS, A CLEAN ENVIRONMENT, AND A FAIR AND THRIVING ECONOMY

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Dear Senators,

The BlueGreen Alliance (BGA) unifies labor unions and environmental organizations into a powerful force working for an economy that fights climate change, protects the health of people and the environment, stands against economic and racial inequality, and creates and maintains good-paying, union jobs in communities across the country. While we rarely weigh in on nominations, we oppose the nomination of Russell Vought to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and encourage you to vote “no” on his confirmation. His troubling record and extreme views make him a dangerous choice for the role that oversees all federal funding.

The Office of Management and Budget plays a critical role in overseeing the spending and performance of federal agencies and the professional staff who are crucial in delivering essential services, enforcing protections, and preserving a functioning democracy. Vought's disregard for the law and constitutional principles is evident from his time as Acting Director of OMB from 2018 to 2020. He delayed disaster aid for Puerto Rico, illegally froze military aid to Ukraine, and sought to politicize the OMB by reclassifying its staff as political appointees. Vought is also a key architect of Project 2025, which seeks to radically overhaul federal agencies and eliminate their independence.

The most recent example of Vought's damaging approach to the role of OMB Director occurred just last week. While still the unconfirmed OMB nominee, he orchestrated a sweeping freeze on federal grant and loan payments. This funding freeze halted investments authorized by Congress, such as the Inflation Reduction Act, the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, and the CHIPS and Science Act, which are essential for domestic manufacturing, clean energy, infrastructure, and public health. This sudden disruption caused widespread confusion, risking jobs, delaying infrastructure projects, and threatening vital federal programs that support American workers and communities.

Vought's hostility toward career public servants and desire to consolidate executive power are incompatible with the principles of a fair and balanced government. His record serves as a clear warning sign that he will continue to try to upset the constitutional balance of powers by working to expand executive powers without accountability. Given Vought's record and extreme views, he should not lead this vital agency.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason Walsh".

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