CRE Letter Sent to Key Analysts at CRS and GAO

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OIRA is the cockpit of the regulatory state; it is seldom discussed in any detail in Ad Law courses and its mission has not been revisited in thirty five years. (Courses in Administrative Law teaches one how to win in court—but not to win at an agency.)

Consequently we are working to embed a knowledge of OIRA into college curricula and are also initiating a public review of a possible expansion of OIRA’s mission.

We at CRE believe OIRA’s mission should be expanded to parallel that of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy which in addition to being advisors to the President are available to routinely address government-wide issues of interest to all parties throughout the government. Such an expansion is possible if OIRA has a national constituency.

The mission of greatest interest to us is to have OIRA implement a mechanism to control the cumulative costs of federal regulation which is followed by having the regulations of independent agencies be subject to OIRA review.

Recognizing the serious personnel constraint at OIRA, we have established a cadre of students in law, public administration, public policy, public administration and economics to assist us in this matter as well as addressing other possible improvements in the regulatory process.

If you put “OIRA Teaching Modules” into Google or go directly to oiracommons.org in a browser you end up on this page http://www.thecre.com/oira_forum/?p=5363

Here is the Get Started page link http://www.thecre.com/oira_reg/?p=7518

In that each of you are prolific writers on federal regulatory policy and recognizing that your client base are members of Congress we wanted to inform you of our work.

Respectfully,

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