



July 20, 2020

Key Vote YES on the Nomination of Russell Vought to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget

On behalf of FreedomWorks' activist community, I urge you to contact your senators and ask them to vote YES on the nomination of Russell Vought to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Having served honorably as acting director since January of 2019, formalizing Vought's role as head of the OMB should be a common-sense, bipartisan confirmation. The OMB, which is the largest office within the Executive Office of the President, is the chief coordinating arm for the executive branch, setting government wide policies as well as producing the President's annual budget.

As our national debt approaches a staggering \$27 trillion in the wake of unprecedented stimulus spending, it is crucial that we support leaders who are equipped to address our fiscal situation. Simply put, there is no one more qualified for this essential position. As [noted in the Washington Examiner](#) by Rep. Mark Walker (R-N.C.), "[Vought's] confirmation would not only cement a trusted, tried, and accomplished leader into the role, but it would also showcase our commitment to holding the federal government accountable for its spending."

Vought attended Wheaton College and then George Washington University where he received his Juris Doctor. Before entering the Trump administration in its first year, Vought had already long distinguished himself as an expert in budgetary policy, serving in the nonprofit sector as well as both the Budget Director and Executive Director for the Republican Study Committee. When he was tapped by President Trump in April of 2017 to become Deputy Director of OMB, there was little doubt that Vought would bring leadership and fiscal restraint to the administration.

These expectations were more than met. When then-OMB Director Mick Mulvaney ascended to become White House Chief of Staff, Vought's track record made him the obvious choice as

successor. After becoming Acting Director, Vought continued to champion the administration's successful deregulatory agenda and has been instrumental in the fiscal response to COVID-19.

Now more than ever, our nation requires the consistency that comes with confirming the leadership of someone like Vought who has already been at the helm for well-over a year. FreedomWorks will count the vote for the Nomination of Russell Vought on our 2020 Congressional Scorecards. The scorecard is used to determine eligibility for the FreedomFighter Award, which recognizes Members of the House and Senate who consistently vote to support economic freedom and individual liberty.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Brandon', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Adam Brandon
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