

A Special Washington Report

from BIRCH BAYH

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Dear Friend:

One troubling problem confronting the scientific and business community in their efforts to develop new products that will benefit the American public, is unnecessary government red tape which wastes research time that could be better spent in the pursuit of knowledge. A case in point is the current time and effort report contained in the Office of Management and Budget's Circular A-21.

The purpose of the time and effort report is to insure that university researchers are actually spending the number of hours doing research that they report to the government. Unfortunately the reporting requirements have gotten out of hand so that now researchers are spending a significant amount of their time filling out government forms instead of conducting their work. I have written to OMB requesting that Circular A-21 be revised in consultation with the universities so that the goals of the government and of the university are better served.

I have included a copy of the letter for your information.

Sincerely,

Birch Bayh
United States Senator