

## Message from the Secretary of the Treasury

Dear Member:

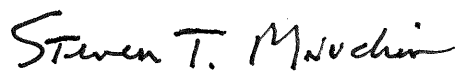
In the Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 Budget Blueprint, the President challenged every agency to realize greater efficiencies and savings in order to contribute to the priorities promised to the American people. I am proud to submit a budget that achieves this goal. The FY 2018 President's Budget requests \$11.2 billion for Treasury's operating bureaus and \$1.5 billion for our International Programs.

Consistent with the Administration's priorities, Treasury's request prioritizes national security and cyber security programs while requiring nearly every other program to find savings through efficiencies. The Budget funds core tax administration functions at the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), and promotes modernizing and securing legacy systems and platforms for interacting with taxpayers. IRS will utilize technology, training, and internal efficiencies to achieve a two percent reduction. The Budget also eliminates funding for Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) Fund grants, a savings of \$210 million from the FY 2017 continuing resolution level. The CDFI Fund was created more than 20 years ago to jump-start a now mature industry in which private institutions have ready access to the capital needed to extend credit and provide financial services to underserved communities.

As directed in the *Executive Order on Core Principles for Regulating the United States Financial System*, I am conducting a thorough review of the extent to which existing laws, regulations, and other Government policies promote (or inhibit) the Administration's priorities for financial regulation. The President's Budget includes \$35 billion in savings to be realized through reforms that protect taxpayers and reverse burdensome regulations that hinder financial innovation and reduce access to credit for hardworking American families. Treasury is also reviewing its programs as directed by the *Executive Order on a Comprehensive Plan for Reorganizing the Executive Branch*, which presents an additional opportunity to more effectively achieve our mission.

The FY 2018 Congressional Budget Justification includes the information required for the Annual Performance Report. I have validated the accuracy, completeness, and reliability of the performance data in this report.

Sincerely,



Steven T. Mnuchin