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Dear Mr. Covington,

We welcome the Government of the United States' participation in the Open Government Partnership (OGP), which now comprises 78 countries working to implement open government commitments to promote greater transparency, accountability and citizen engagement in policy making.

As you are aware, all OGP participating governments are expected to co-create an action plan outlining a concrete set of open government reforms, in line with OGP Participation and Co-Creation standards.

For its 2019-2022 action plan, the Government of the United States did not meet the OGP minimum requirement for public influence during co-creation - known as "Involve" - as assessed by the Independent Reporting Mechanism (IRM) in their [report](#). Therefore, the United States has acted contrary to the OGP process for the 2019-2021 cycle.

In line with [OGP policy](#), in order to avoid the possibility of future review by the Criteria and Standards Subcommittee of the OGP Steering Committee, we recommend that the Government of the United States makes every effort to meet the minimum requirements set forth in the OGP Participation and Co-Creation standards during the development of its next action plan.

The OGP Support Unit and Steering Committee stand ready to support you in whatever way would be useful. The Support Unit will contact you and your team to provide additional information regarding this assessment.

Yours sincerely,



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