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PARTNERSHIP FOR PUBLIC SERVICE STATEMENT ON THE NEW ORDER OF SUCCESSION WITHIN THE OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

WASHINGTON – [Partnership for Public Service](https://www.ourpublicservice.org) President and CEO Max Stier released the following statement on President Donald Trump’s memorandum to change the leadership succession order within the Office of Personnel Management.

“The change in order of succession at the Office of Personnel Management will have no impact after Inauguration Day,” Stier said. “At that time, President Joe Biden will be able to appoint his own acting OPM director.”

Aside from this latest development, Stier said the Partnership is concerned that OPM has become highly politicized.

“OPM should be focused on the presidential transition in a professional and nonpartisan way,” Stier said. “The agency has yet to issue a transition guide for agencies on personnel issues, as it did in September 2016, and it has yet to suspend the Qualifications Review Board process for the hiring of career Senior Executive Service applicants as has traditionally been done after elections when there is a change in presidents.”

“Even more concerning is OPM’s role in the implementation of the Schedule F executive order that creates a new job classification for career employees, undermining the merit-based, nonpartisan civil service system by allowing career civil servants to be replaced by those with less knowledge and expertise.” Stier said.

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