Key U.S. Senators to Contact: Eric Ueland GAO Nomination

Directory of Pivotal Lawmakers, Strategic Importance & Official Contact Links (November 2026)

> **Current Status & Vote Math:** Eric Ueland (OMB Deputy Director for Management) was nominated on Nov. 16, 2026, for a 15-year term as Comptroller General of the Government Accountability Office (GAO). Following his Nov. 19 confirmation hearing, the nomination awaits a vote in the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee (HSGAC), where Republicans hold an 8–7 majority. On the full Senate floor, Republicans hold a 53–47 majority (narrowing to 52–48 on Dec. 15, 2026). Blocking the nomination requires persuading 1 GOP committee member or 3–4 GOP senators on the floor.

1. Swing-Vote Republican Senators (Publicly Voiced Concerns)

Senator & State	Strategic Importance	Contact & Email Links
Sen. Susan Collins Republican — Maine	Publicly raised concerns about placing a White House budget official in charge of the nonpartisan GAO watchdog agency. Pivotal floor vote.	Collins Contact & Email Form D.C. Phone: (202) 224-2523
Sen. Thom Tillis Republican — North Carolina	Questioned moving a partisan administration official into an independent oversight post. Key floor swing vote ahead of his retirement.	Tillis Policy Comment / Email Form D.C. Phone: (202) 224-6342
Sen. John Curtis Republican — Utah	Stated Ueland is a "partisan pick for a very bipartisan office" and criticized the rushed lame-duck confirmation timeline. Crucial floor vote.	Curtis Contact & Opinion Form D.C. Phone: (202) 224-5251

2. Homeland Security & Governmental Affairs Committee (HSGAC)

Senator & Role	Strategic Importance	Contact & Email Links
Sen. Rand Paul R-Kentucky (Chairman)	Controls the committee agenda and schedules the confirmation vote. Has not yet publicly committed to supporting Ueland, stating GAO needs someone "honest and objective."	Paul Legislative Contact Form D.C. Phone: (202) 224-4343
Sen. James Lankford R-Oklahoma (Subcommittee Chair)	Called the rushed process the "elephant in the room" during the Nov. 19 hearing, though he praised Ueland's resume. One GOP committee "no" vote stalls the nomination.	Email Senator Lankford D.C. Phone: (202) 224-5754
Other GOP Committee Members HSGAC Majority (8–7)	Sens. Ron Johnson (R-Wis.), Rick Scott (R-Fla.), Josh Hawley (R-Mo.), Bernie Moreno (R-Ohio), Joni Ernst (R-Iowa), and Ashley Moody (R-Fla.) also vote in committee.	HSGAC Committee Contact Form Full Committee Roster

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Sen. Gary Peters D-Michigan (Ranking Member)	Leads Democratic opposition on HSGAC against bypassing the traditional bipartisan congressional selection commission.	Peters Contact & Email Form D.C. Phone: (202) 224-6221

3. Senate Leadership & Home-State Representation

Official / Directory	Strategic Importance	Contact & Email Links
Sen. John Thune R-South Dakota (Majority Leader)	Controls the full Senate floor calendar and decides whether to bring Ueland's nomination to a vote during the December 2026 lame-duck session.	Email Senator Thune D.C. Phone: (202) 224-2321
Your Home-State Senators Constituent Priority	Senate offices track and prioritize messages from verified in-state constituents above out-of-state inquiries.	U.S. Senate State Directory Switchboard: (202) 224-3121

Key Points to Include When Calling or Writing

- **Protect GAO Independence:** The Comptroller General serves a 15-year term auditing executive branch spending; appointing a senior White House OMB official creates an inherent conflict of interest.
- **Respect Statutory Selection Norms:** Urge senators to reject bypassing the traditional bipartisan congressional commission used to vet GAO leaders.
- **Oppose Lame-Duck Rush:** Ask senators to delay any confirmation vote until the new Congress convenes in January 2027.

Compiled November 19, 2026. Note: Official Senate web forms require a constituent address; phone calls via the U.S. Capitol Switchboard (202-224-3121) or D.C. offices allow direct constituent and public comment logging.