Dear Mary, Emily and Jeff,

Thanks again for agreeing to participate as a panelist on the “Towards Greater Government and Industry Cooperation” panel at the ANSI-CEA conference on standards. As you can see from the attached sign-up sheet we have a good group of attendees. This panel is meant to be positive and forward-looking, and as an opportunity to get CEA-members (and others) to see and understand the benefits (and issues) of the US public-private standardization system.

This is in the context of OMB’s RFI on A-119, but the discussions can certainly expand beyond that theme. Among the questions you may want to consider either in your opening remarks, or as part of the Q&A are:

1) What factors should government agencies take into consideration when determining that the use of industry standards is practical for regulatory purposes?

2) When standards are incorporated by reference into law, what obligations should copyright holders have to make such standards reasonably available to the public?

3) How can the regulatory process be structured to ensure industry standards are written or modified in time to be considered for reference in a regulation?

4) What are some of the future opportunities for industry/government cooperation in standards-setting?

I will be out of the country from Thursday night to Monday afternoon, but will have access to any communications through blackberry. I am looking forward to a positive and constructive panel & pleased that you-all are my distinguished panelists!

Best

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