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MEMORANDUM FOR: Wynn W. Coggins
Acting Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Secretary
for Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce

FROM: Richard Bachman
Assistant Inspector General for Audit and Evaluation

SUBJECT: Evaluation of the Department's FY 2021 Compliance with Improper
Payment Requirements (#2022-415)

We are initiating an evaluation to determine the U.S. Department of Commerce's compliance with the Payment Integrity Information Act of 2019 (PIIA). The PIIA sets forth improper payment reporting requirements, including an annual compliance report by federal inspectors general.

An entrance conference has been scheduled for December 15, 2021, at which time we will discuss in further detail the specific nature of our evaluation—including our objective and scope, time frames, and any potential needs for us to be provided data. If you have any questions about this evaluation, please contact me at (202) 482-2877 or Patricia McBarnette, Audit Director, at (202) 482-3391.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation during this effort.

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