



March 3, 2026

MEMORANDUM FOR: Jeremy Pelter
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Administration, performing the
nonexclusive functions and duties of the Chief Financial
Officer and Assistant Secretary for Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce

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FROM: Arthur L. Scott, Jr.
Assistant Inspector General for Audit and Evaluation

SUBJECT: Evaluation of the Department's Fiscal Year 2025 Compliance
with the Payment Integrity Information Act
Project No. 2026-536

We are initiating an evaluation to determine the Department's compliance with the Payment Integrity Information Act of 2019 (PIIA) for fiscal year 2025. PIIA sets forth improper payment reporting requirements, including an annual compliance report by federal inspectors general.

We plan to begin this work immediately. An entrance conference has been scheduled for March 4, 2026, at which time we will discuss the specific nature of our evaluation with you, including our objective and scope, time frames, and any potential requests for data.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

