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**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Thomas F. Gilman  
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 2020 Compliance with  
Improper Payment Requirements (#2021-392)

We are initiating an evaluation to determine the Department's compliance with the Payment Integrity Information Act of 2019, which sets forth improper payment reporting requirements, including an annual compliance report by federal inspectors general. We are required to complete this evaluation and issue our report on compliance by May 17, 2021.

We plan to begin this work immediately and will contact your audit liaison to schedule an entrance conference, at which time we can discuss our evaluation and scope in further detail. 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 evaluation.

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