



December 17, 2024

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

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FROM: Richard Bachman
Assistant Inspector General for Audit and Evaluation

SUBJECT: Evaluation of the Department's Fiscal Year 2024 Compliance With
Payment Integrity Information Act Requirements (#2025-504)

We are initiating an evaluation to determine the Department of Commerce's compliance with the Payment Integrity Information Act of 2019 (PIIA) for fiscal year 2024. The 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 December 18, 2024, 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 requests for data. If you have any questions about this evaluation, please contact me at (202) 793-3344 or Patricia McBarnette, Audit Director, at (202) 793-3316.

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

cc: Stephen Kunze, Deputy Chief Financial Officer and Director for Financial Management