



December 08, 2022

MEMORANDUM FOR: Jeremy Pelter
Acting 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 FY 2022 Compliance With
Improper Payment Requirements (#2023-444)

We are initiating an evaluation to determine the U.S. Department of Commerce's compliance with the Payment Integrity Information Act of 2019 (PIIA) for fiscal year 2022. The PIIA sets forth improper payment reporting requirements, including an annual compliance report by federal inspectors general.

We plan to begin this work immediately and will contact the audit liaison to schedule an entrance conference, 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 data needs. 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
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