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## **Inspector General's Statement Regarding an Investigation by the House Science, Space, and Technology Committee**

"The allegations given to the committee are baseless. Because of my leadership, Commerce OIG is improved across the board. The massive transformation in the last 5 years at this OIG should please anyone with an interest in good government. This organization now provides better, more comprehensive oversight of the Department of Commerce's operations than ever before.

"Changes I've made during my tenure were necessary for the good of the organization. I encourage input and we manage change and improvements thoughtfully, with clear communication and consistent execution of our processes. I don't engage in retaliation or permit it. Never have and never will. I am proud of my record as Inspector General protecting whistleblowers and will never waver from that commitment. Our office has good productivity, strong processes for making decisions, and we have certainly never knowingly misrepresented any fact to Congress.

"I look forward to quick resolution of this matter."

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Peggy E. Gustafson".

Peggy E. Gustafson  
Inspector General