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**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Andrei Iancu  
Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property  
and Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

**FROM:**   
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**SUBJECT:** Audit of USPTO's Efforts to Improve the Accuracy of the  
Trademark Register (#2020-370)

We are initiating an audit of the United States Patent and Trademark Office's (USPTO's) efforts to improve the accuracy of the trademark register. Our audit objective is to determine whether USPTO's trademark registration process is effective in preventing fraudulent or inaccurate registrations.

We plan to begin this work immediately. We will contact your audit liaison to schedule an entrance conference, at which time we will discuss our audit objective and scope in further detail. If you have any questions regarding this work, please contact me at (202) 482-1931 or Amni Samson, Director for Audit and Evaluation, at (571) 272-5561.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

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