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MEMORANDUM FOR: André Mendes
Chief Information Officer

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FROM: Frederick J. Meny, Jr.
Assistant Inspector General for Audit and Evaluation

SUBJECT: Audit of the Department's Identification and Remediation of Vulnerabilities for High Value Assets (#2022-432)

We are initiating an audit of the U.S. Department of Commerce's (the Department's) identification and remediation of vulnerabilities on high value assets (HVAs). Our objective is to determine if the Department and its bureaus identify and remediate vulnerabilities on HVAs according to federal requirements.

We plan to begin this work immediately. We will contact your audit liaisons to schedule an entrance conference, at which time we will discuss in further detail the specific nature of our audit—including our objective and scope, time frames, and any potential needs for us to be provided data. If you have any questions regarding this audit, please contact me at (202) 793-2938 or Chuck Mitchell, Director for Cybersecurity, at (202) 809-9528.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation.

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