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The Honorable Betty McCollum
Chair
Subcommittee on the Interior
Environment and Related Agencies
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Tom Udall
Ranking Member
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Dear Chair McCollum and Ranking Member Udall,

This is a follow up to our letter of March 26, 2019. The Office of Inspector General (OIG) for the Department of the Interior has received seven complaints, including yours, from a wide assortment of complainants alleging various potential conflict of interest and other violations by then-Deputy Secretary of the Interior, David Bernhardt.

We have reviewed the information you provided, as well as other information readily available to us. We are continuing to gather pertinent information about the complaints and have opened an investigation to address them. We will conduct our review as expeditiously and thoroughly as practicable.

Nancy DiPaolo, Director of External Affairs, will notify you when our review is completed.

Sincerely,

Mary L. Kendall
Deputy Inspector General

cc: The Honorable Chuck Schumer