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**MEMORANDUM**

**FROM:** Chairwoman Edith Ramirez  
**TO:** Commission Staff and Commissioners  
**SUBJECT:** Support for Inspector General Mission and Activities

One of the important ways we ensure excellence and accountability is the process of internal review and oversight carried out by our Office of Inspector General (OIG). As you know, the OIG, headed by Inspector General Roslyn A. Mazer, is an independent office of the FTC. Its mandate is to promote and recommend improvements to the efficiency and effectiveness of the agency's operations and to detect and deter fraud, waste, abuse, and mismanagement in agency programs and operations. The OIG executes its mission by conducting investigations, audits, evaluations, and other reviews in accordance with rigorous professional standards that incorporate the independence and objectivity of the OIG mission.

I appreciate the cooperation that FTC staff have shown in assisting the OIG in the inquiries it undertakes. I am confident that everyone will continue to respond in a timely manner to OIG requests for access to personnel or information necessary for any investigation, audit, evaluation, or review. I look forward to continuing to work with the OIG to develop actionable recommendations to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the FTC and to ensure prompt action on OIG recommendations.

I encourage everyone to review the Memorandum from Inspector General Mazer describing the role of the OIG and our responsibility to cooperate with this office, available here: <http://www.ftc.gov/oig/whatyouneedtoknow.pdf>. Additional detailed information about the OIG's authority, mission, and activities as well as information about how to report matters of concern can be found at <https://www.ftc.gov/about-ftc/office-inspector-general/contact-oig>.

I know you will join me in continuing to provide our wholehearted support for the OIG's important work.

Thank you.