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March 31, 2021

Ms. Kathleen McGettigan  
Acting Director  
Office of Personnel Management  
1900 E Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20415

Dear Acting Director McGettigan:

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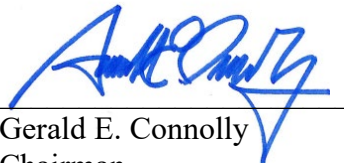
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cc: Mr. Norbert E. Vint  
Deputy Inspector General  
Office of Personnel Management

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The Honorable Lloyd J. Austin III  
Secretary  
Department of Defense  
1400 Defense Pentagon  
Washington, D.C. 20301

Dear Secretary Austin:

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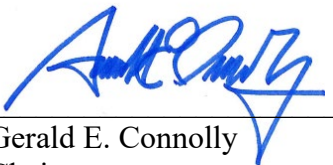
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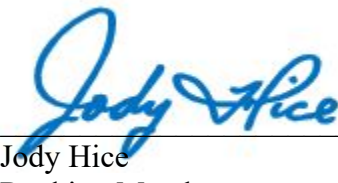
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cc: The Honorable Sean O'Donnell  
Acting Inspector General  
Department of Defense

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The Honorable Denis R. McDonough  
Secretary  
Department of Veterans Affairs  
810 Vermont Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20571

Dear Secretary McDonough:

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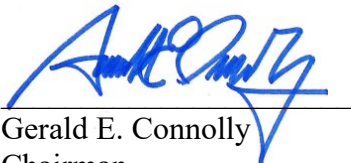
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cc: The Honorable Michael J. Missal  
Inspector General  
Department of Veterans Affairs

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Ms. Gloria D. Steele  
Acting Administrator  
U.S. Agency for International Development  
Ronald Reagan Building, Suite 610  
1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20523

Dear Acting Administrator Steele:

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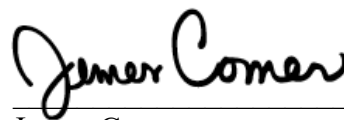
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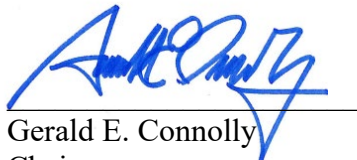
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cc: Mr. Thomas J. Ullom  
Acting Inspector General  
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Department of the Treasury  
1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20220

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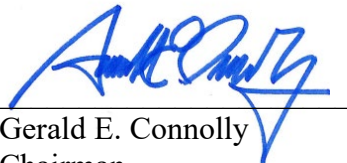
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cc: Mr. Richard K. Delmar  
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The Honorable Pete Buttigieg  
Secretary  
Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E., 7th Floor  
Washington, D.C. 20590

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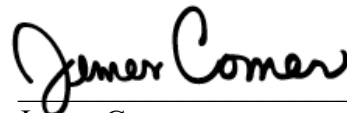
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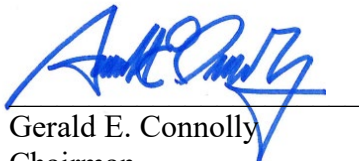
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2201 C Street, N.W.  
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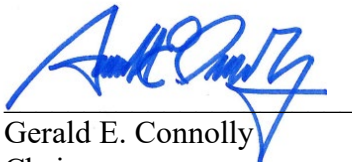
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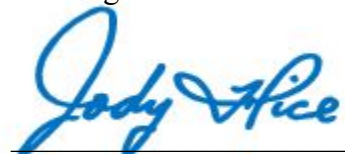
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cc: Ms. Diana Shaw  
Deputy Inspector General  
Department of State

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The Honorable Isabel Casillas Guzman  
Administrator  
Small Business Administration  
409 3rd Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20416

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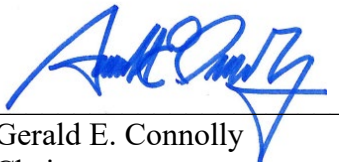
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Enclosure

cc: The Honorable Hannibal “Mike” Ware  
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March 31, 2021

The Honorable Avril Haines  
Director of National Intelligence  
Office of the Director of National Intelligence  
1500 Tysons McLean Drive  
McLean, VA 22102

Dear Director Haines:

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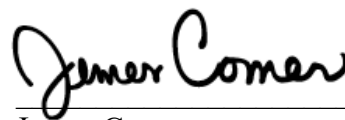
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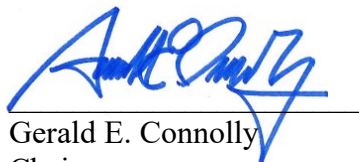
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The Honorable Sethuraman Panchanathan  
Director  
National Science Foundation  
2415 Eisenhower Avenue  
Alexandria, Virginia 22314

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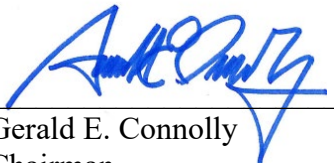
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cc: Ms. Allison C. Lerner  
Inspector General  
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The Honorable General Paul M. Nakasone  
Director  
National Security Agency  
9800 Savage Road, Suite 6272  
Ft. George G. Meade, MD 20755

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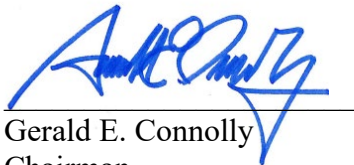
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cc: The Honorable Robert P. Storch  
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The Honorable Martin J. Walsh  
Secretary  
Department of Labor  
200 Constitution Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20210

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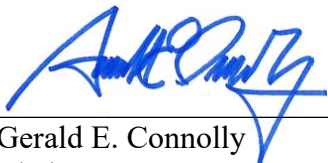
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cc: Mr. Larry D. Turner  
Acting Inspector General  
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Attorney General  
Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20530

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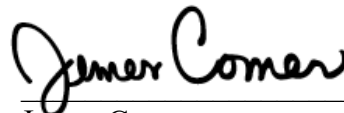
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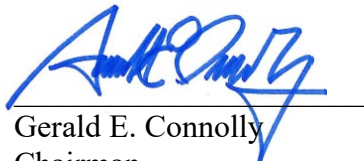
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cc: The Honorable Michael E. Horowitz  
Inspector General  
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Department of the Interior  
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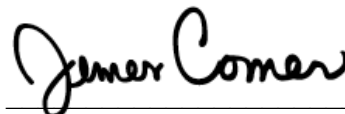
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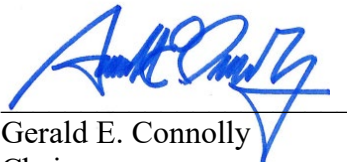
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cc: The Honorable Mark Lee Greenblatt  
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The Honorable Marcia L. Fudge  
Secretary  
Department of Housing and Urban Development  
451 7th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20410

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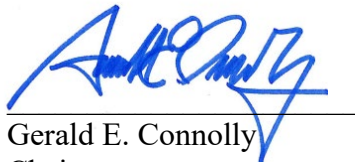
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cc: The Honorable Rae Oliver Davis  
Inspector General  
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March 31, 2021

The Honorable Alejandro Mayorkas  
Secretary  
Department of Homeland Security  
245 Murray Lane, S.W.  
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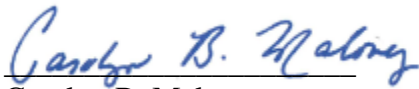
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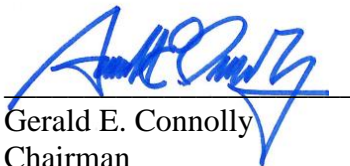
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cc: The Honorable Joseph V. Cuffari  
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March 31, 2021

The Honorable Xavier Becerra  
Secretary  
Department of Health and Human Services  
200 Independence Avenue, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20201

Dear Secretary Becerra:

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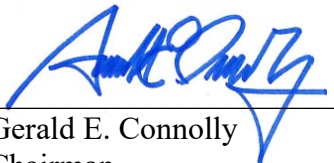
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cc: Ms. Christi A. Grimm  
Principal Deputy Inspector General  
Department of Health and Human Services

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March 31, 2021

Ms. Katy Kale  
Acting Administrator  
General Services Administration  
1800 F Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20405

Dear Acting Administrator Kale:

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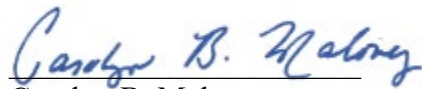
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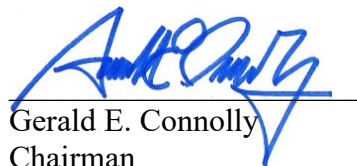
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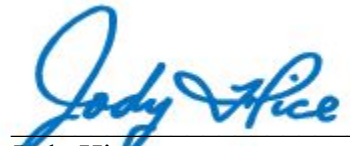
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cc: The Honorable Carol F. Ochoa  
Inspector General  
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March 31, 2021

The Honorable Michael S. Regan  
Administrator  
Environmental Protection Agency  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Administrator Regan:

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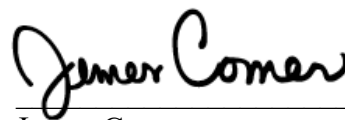
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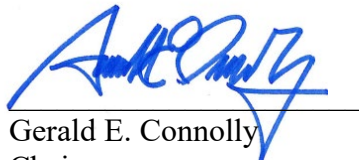
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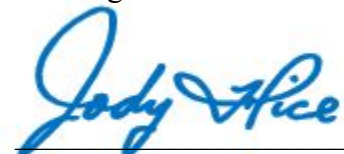
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cc: The Honorable Sean O'Donnell  
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The Honorable Jennifer M. Granholm  
Secretary  
Department of Energy  
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20585

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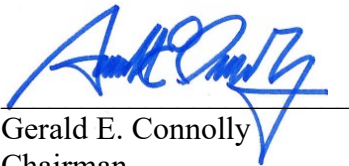
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cc: The Honorable Teri L. Donaldson  
Inspector General  
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March 31, 2021

The Honorable Miguel A. Cardona  
Secretary  
Department of Education  
400 Maryland Avenue, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20202

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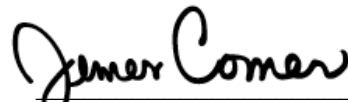
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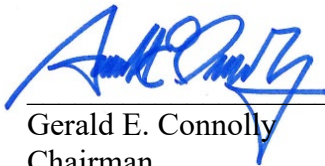
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cc: Ms. Sandra D. Bruce  
Acting Inspector General  
Department of Education

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March 31, 2021

The Honorable Gina M. Raimondo  
Secretary  
Department of Commerce  
1401 Constitution Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20230

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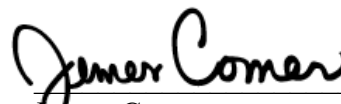
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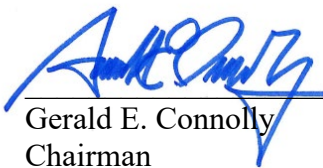
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cc: The Honorable Peggy E. Gustafson  
Inspector General  
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The Honorable Thomas J. Vilsack  
Secretary  
Department of Agriculture  
1400 Independence Avenue, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20250

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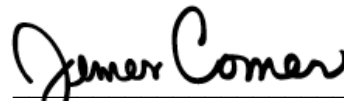
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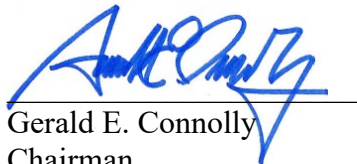
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cc: The Honorable Phyllis K. Fong  
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