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Subject: *Report on the Quality Assessment Review of the Investigative Operations of the Architect of the Capitol, Office of Inspector General*

Dear Inspector General Failla,

We have reviewed the system of internal safeguards and management procedures for the investigative operations of the Architect of the Capitol, Office of Inspector General (AOC-OIG), in effect for the period ending August 4, 2017. Our review was conducted in conformity with the Quality Standards for Investigations and the Quality Assessment Review (QAR) Guidelines established by the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE), and the Attorney General's Guidelines for Office of Inspectors General with Statutory Law Enforcement Authority, as applicable.

We reviewed compliance with the Architect of the Capitol, Office of Inspector General, system of internal policies and procedures to the extent we considered appropriate. The review was conducted at the headquarters office in Washington, DC. Additionally, we sampled eleven case files for investigations closed during Fiscal Years 2016 and 2017.

In performing our review, we have given consideration to the prerequisites of Section 6(e) of the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended, (AI Act) and Section 812 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (Pub.L. 107-296). Those documents authorize law enforcement powers for eligible personnel of each of the various offices of Inspectors General. Those powers may be exercised only for activities authorized by the IG Act, other statutes, or as expressly authorized by the Attorney General.

In our opinion, the system of internal safeguards and management procedures for the investigative function of the Architect of the Capitol, Office of Inspector General, in effect for Fiscal Years 2016-2017, is in **compliance** with the quality standards established by the CIGIE and the applicable Attorney General Guidelines. These safeguards and procedures provide reasonable assurance of conforming to professional standards in the planning, execution and reporting of its investigations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Laura S. Wertheimer", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Laura S. Wertheimer
Inspector General

Enclosure