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**MEMORANDUM FOR JACOB LEIBENLUFT, CHIEF RECOVERY OFFICER
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FROM: Deborah L. Harker /s/
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SUBJECT: Termination Memorandum – Audit of the Department of the Treasury’s (Treasury) Implementation of the State Small Business Credit Initiative (SSBCI) Program (S-SC-22-007)

In December 2021, we initiated an audit of Treasury’s implementation of the SSBCI Program. Our audit objective was to assess Treasury’s progress made to implement the SSBCI Program, including the development of allocation agreements, policy guidance materials, timely allocation and tracking of initial funding, and internal controls to ensure the effective and efficient administration of the program. The scope of our audit included all implementation activities from March 2021 through March 2022. We initiated this audit as part of our annual plan for fiscal year 2022. We conducted the entrance conference meeting with SSBCI Program officials on January 21, 2022. During this meeting, we acknowledged that the Government Accountability Office (GAO) was conducting a similar audit of the SSBCI Program. We informed SSBCI officials that we would coordinate with the GAO team to prevent any unnecessary duplication of work or burden on Treasury.

On January 27, 2022, we met with the GAO team assigned to audit the SSBCI Program. During the meeting, GAO shared the audit objectives and the scope of their audit, which included: (1) evaluating staffing in the SSBCI Program office, (2) determining management of initial implementation action steps and timeframes, (3) determining allocations and disbursements to eligible jurisdictions, (4) evaluating outreach and assistance to states, U.S. territories and Tribal governments, (5) evaluating management of key program risks, and (6) evaluating post-award monitoring and program performance. Through additional discussion, and the considerable overlap of audit objectives and timeframes for our audit and GAO’s, we determined that our office would take a step back and focus on areas not in GAO’s current audit. Given this step back, we requested and GAO agreed to provide progress updates of the SSBCI audit as it continues.

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At this time, we believe that it is redundant to devote resources to conduct an audit of Treasury's SSBCI Program implementation progress, while GAO conducts an audit with considerable objectives and timeframe overlaps. Accordingly, we are terminating this audit. Please note that the *Audit of the Treasury's Implementation of the State Small Business Credit Initiative Program* (Job# S-SC-22-007) will be removed from our *Monthly Status Report*.

We appreciate the courtesies and assistance provided by your staff. If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 486-1420 or Susan Barron, Deputy Assistant Inspector General for Audit, at (202) 439-6244.

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