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The Honorable Patty Murray, Ranking Member Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions United Stated Senate Washington, DC

Dear Ranking Member Murray:

I write in response to your letter dated February 2, 2018, requesting that the Office of Inspector General (OIG) investigate allegations relating to the U.S. Department of Labor's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on tip regulations under the Fair Labor Standards Act, published on December 5, 2017.

Prior to receiving your letter, the OIG initiated a review of allegations reported by multiple media outlets on February 1, 2018, relating to the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking. I have instructed my staff to consider the concerns included in your letter as part of this review. As is our standard practice, we will confer with congressional staff throughout the process, as appropriate.

Please contact me at (202) 693-5100 if you have any questions concerning this matter. Alternatively, your staff may contact Luiz Santos, Assistant Inspector General for Congressional and Public Relations, at (202) 693-7062.

Sincerely,

Scott S. Dahl Inspector General

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cc: The Honorable Lamar Alexander
Chairman, U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions