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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

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The Honorable Gerry Connolly
Chairman, Subcommittee on Government Operations
Committee on Oversight and Reform
U.S. House of Representatives
2157 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Connolly:

Thank you for your recent letter requesting that the U.S. Department (Department) Office of Inspector General (OIG) review whether the Department and its managers are employing best practices and existing guidance when deciding whether or when to require its employees and contractors to return to Federal office buildings.

Please know that prior to receiving your letter, we had been considering work in this area, as the health and safety of our employees is our utmost concern. Per our discussion and your letter, we will be assessing the Department's plans and procedures for returning employees to Federal offices, and how it actually developed those documents. Our work will include discussions with relevant staff to help with our understanding of the processes implemented and related roles and responsibilities.

Once our work is completed, we will be sure to share a copy with you. If you have any questions or if you need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at (202) 245-6900 or have a member of your staff contact our Congressional Liaison, Catherine Grant, at (202) 245-7023.

Sincerely,

Sandra D. Bruce
Acting Inspector General

cc: The Honorable Jody Hice, Ranking Member, House Subcommittee on Government Operations

The Honorable Betsy DeVos, Secretary, U.S. Department of Education