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The Honorable Sandra D. Bruce
Inspector General
Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20202

Dear Inspector General Bruce,

The NASA Office of Inspector General (OIG) has completed its quality assessment review of the Department of Education Office of Inspector General's (ED-OIG) investigative organization. Specifically, we reviewed your office's system of internal safeguards and management procedures in effect for the 12-month period ending May 31, 2023. In our opinion, ED-OIG's system of internal safeguards and management procedures for its investigative functions comply with the quality standards established by the Council of the Inspectors General for Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE) and applicable guidelines and statutes. Additionally, these safeguards and procedures provide reasonable assurance that ED-OIG conforms to quality standards when planning, executing, and reporting its investigations and when using its law enforcement powers.

Our review conformed to the CIGIE *Quality Standards for Investigations and Qualitative Assessment Review* guidelines. Also, we considered requirements from the Attorney General's *Guidelines for Office of Inspectors General with Statutory Law Enforcement Authority* and Section 6(e) of the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended. We reviewed ED-OIG's compliance with its internal policies and procedures to the extent we considered appropriate. During our review, we coordinated with ED-OIG Headquarters in Washington, DC, and visited three field offices and the Technical Crimes Division. Additionally, we sampled and analyzed 22 investigative case files closed during our review period (see attached exhibit for our detailed scope and methodology and a list of cases we reviewed).

Finally, ED-OIG's response to this report is included as an attachment to this letter.

Please call me at (202) 358-1220 if you have any questions or have your staff contact NASA OIG Special Agent-in-Charge Jennifer Bryan, who led this quality assessment review, at (562) 480-6613.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "PKM-A". The letters are stylized and connected.

Paul K. Martin
Inspector General

Enclosures