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The Honorable Elizabeth Warren
United States Senate
Washington, DC

The Honorable Robert C. Scott, Chairman
Committee on Education and Labor
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC

The Honorable Mark Takano, Chairman
Subcommittee on Workforce Protections
Committee on Education and Labor
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro, Chairwoman
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies
Committee on Appropriations
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC

The Honorable Lucille Roybal-Allard
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC

Dear Senator Warren and Representatives Scott, DeLauro, Takano, and Roybal-Allard:

I write in response to your January 7, 2019, request that the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), Office of Inspector General (OIG) conduct an audit of DOL's rulemaking process. Specifically, you asked the OIG to determine whether DOL deviated from agency regulatory and data quality requirements when DOL issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to remove operation of power-driven patient lifts from the list of prohibited activities for 16- and 17-year-old workers.

We are currently reviewing the integrity of the rulemaking process in the Occupational Safety and Health Administration. In addition, the OIG is conducting a review of allegations relating to DOL's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on tip regulations under the Fair Labor Standards Act.

Prior to receiving your letter, and as part of our ongoing risk assessment and audit planning process, the OIG had identified the need for a broader review of the

rulemaking process at DOL. The objective of this review is to determine how well DOL manages the issuance of regulations. The OIG is incorporating the specific Notice of Proposed Rulemaking referenced in your letter as part of this review. As is our practice, we will confer with congressional staff throughout the process.

Please contact me at (202) 693-5100 if you have any questions about these items, or if we may be of further assistance on this or any other matter. Alternatively, your staff may contact Luiz Santos, Assistant Inspector General of Congressional and Public Relations, at (202) 693-7062.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Dahl", written in a cursive style.

Scott S. Dahl
Inspector General

cc: The Honorable Virginia Foxx, Ranking Member
The Honorable Bradley Byrne, Ranking Member
The Honorable Tom Cole, Ranking Member