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Dear Mr. Maher:

The United States Office of Government Ethics (OGE) has conducted a follow-up review of the ethics program at the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to determine how the recommendation from our May 2013 report has been addressed.

OGE recommended that DHS develop a plan to ensure that all covered employees receive annual ethics training. In response, DHS has created databases to track the training requirements for each public and confidential financial disclosure filer. The agency also stated that it updates the databases as filers complete the required training, allowing DHS to remain current on the status of its training program. OGE considers these actions responsive to the recommendation. Therefore, the recommendation is closed.

Based on OGE's follow-up, we have determined that DHS has adequately addressed the recommendation from the May 2013 report. Thank you for your assistance during the follow-up process. Please contact me at 202-482-9220 if you require any additional information.

Sincerely,



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Deputy Director for Compliance