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The Honorable Charles E. Grassley Chairman Committee on the Judiciary United States Senate Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This responds further to your letter to the Acting Deputy Attorney General dated March 26, 2015, regarding the Department of Justice (the Department) Office of the Inspector General (OIG) report regarding *The Handling of Sexual Harassment and Misconduct Allegations by the Department's Law Enforcement Components*.

Through our conversations with your staff, we understand that you have requested copies of documents that DEA provided to the Inspector General referring or relating to sexual misconduct by DEA agents. In response to document requests from OIG related to this review, we understand that DEA provided OIG with Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR) Case Record and Disposition summary reports for 88 cases. These cases were all opened by OPR from Fiscal Years 2009 to 2012. After reviewing these summary reports, OIG requested and received additional investigative material from specific cases.

While the Department does not typically release documents related to individual misconduct investigations, we recognize the Committee's interest in understanding DEA's process for investigating allegations of misconduct and effectuating disciplinary action where appropriate. To assist the Committee in better understanding this process, we enclose the 88 OPR Case Record and Disposition summary reports DEA previously produced to OIG. These documents contain redactions to protect individuals' privacy, law enforcement sensitive information—including information related to confidential sources—and in a small number of documents, attorney work-product. We note that with these limited redactions, the other information in these documents could, if made public, expose complainants, witnesses, and victims. Accordingly, we respectfully request that the Committee not publicly release these documents.

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We look forward to conferring with your staff regarding these matters going forward. Please do not hesitate to contact this office if we may provide additional assistance regarding this or any other matter.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

cc:

The Honorable Patrick Leahy

Ranking Member