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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 May 6, 2015, letter to the Department of Justice (the Department) regarding spending practices at the U.S. Marshals Service (USMS), specifically your request for USMS Asset Forfeiture Division budget requests to the Department and associated allocations signed by the Deputy Attorney General from FY2012 through present.

We have enclosed budget allocations from FY 2012 through FY 2015 that were signed on behalf of the Deputy Attorney General, which include certain suballotments. We are designating these documents as confidential under our agreement regarding routine privacy concerns. We have redacted certain pre-decisional and deliberative information, such as the specific budget amounts requested. The corresponding annual and mid-year budget requests<sup>1</sup> submitted in these fiscal years also reflect pre-decisional and deliberative information, as well as confidential information about the internal operations of the USMS, including references to certain law enforcement matters. These budget requests are not included in the enclosed set; however, as part of our efforts to accommodate the Committee's information needs in this matter, we are prepared to make these documents available to the Committee for *in camera* review with only limited redactions for law enforcement or other sensitive information. These documents will be made available to your staff during the in camera review we currently have scheduled for November 10, 2015.

We believe that these documents may provide some additional information regarding the requests in your May 6, 2015, letter. Please note, however, that information reflected in budget requests is based on projected service level requirements at a given point in time and may not reflect actual expenditures. As discussed with your staff, this set of documents is not intended to be an exhaustive response to all of the questions raised in your letters, but it contains responsive documents identified to date. Our review remains ongoing, as does the Office of Inspector General's independent investigation related to issues raised in your letters. We will continue to

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<sup>1</sup> This set of documents does not include detailed information pertaining to training budgets; as noted below, our review is ongoing, and we will continue to make any additional responsive information available on a rolling basis.

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make documents available to the Committee on a rolling basis based on priority areas identified by your staff.

We hope this information is helpful. Please do not hesitate to contact this office if we may provide additional assistance regarding this or any other matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'P. Kadzik', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Peter J. Kadzik  
Assistant Attorney General

Enclosure

cc: The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy  
Ranking Member

The Honorable Michael E. Horowitz  
Inspector General