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MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Legislative Budget
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FROM: Kris Curtis, CPA, CISA *KC*
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DATE: March 3, 2021

RE: Desk Review by U.S. Department of Treasury, Office of Inspector General

During the February 24, 2021, Legislative Budget and Audit Committee meeting, I informed committee members that Alaska had been selected for a desk review by the U.S. Department of Treasury, Office of Inspector General. The desk review will cover Alaska's use of the Coronavirus Relief Fund. The conclusions reached from the desk review may result in a site visit for a more in-depth review or an audit. I was asked to determine why Alaska was selected as well as how many other states were selected.

Today I met with several members of the Department of Treasury's review team. I was informed that the department intends to perform desk reviews of all 50 states. The State of Alaska is one of four states, territories, or tribal groups initially selected for review. Alaska was part of the first group due to the large number of complaints received by the department alleging unallowable use of the Coronavirus Relief Fund. The other three groups selected for a desk review include the State of South Dakota, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and one tribal organization.

When I asked a follow-up question regarding the nature of the complaints, I was informed that the majority of the complaints involved Anchorage and generally allege misuse of funds.

The review team expects to complete Alaska's desk review by the end of August 2021.

If you would like to discuss further, I can be reached at 465-4199.