In May 2018, the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) issued its updated Accounting of Drug Control Funding and Performance Summary Circular (the Circular). The Circular requires agencies to submit annual drug control obligations and performance reports, and inspectors general to review these reports.

As required, the Office of Inspector General is initiating an attestation engagement of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration’s (NHTSA) fiscal year 2019 Drug Control Obligation Summary and Performance Summary Reports. Our objective is to provide negative assurance as to whether any information came to our attention based on the work performed to indicate that management’s assertions are not fairly presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the Circular’s requirements. We will not express an opinion on the accuracy of NHTSA’s Drug Control Obligation Summary and Performance Summary Reports.

We will begin our attestation engagement immediately and contact your audit liaison to schedule an entrance conference. The Circular requires that we submit our report to ONDCP by February 1, 2020. To meet this timeframe, we need NHTSA’s signed fiscal year 2019 reports by December 5, 2019. If you have any questions, please call me at (202) 366-1407, or George Banks, Program Director, at (202) 420-1116.

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1 This circular rescinds and replaces the ONDCP Circular, Annual Accounting of Drug Control Funds, dated January 8, 2013.