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Via Electronic Communication and First Class Mail

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley, Ranking Member
United States Senate Committee on Finance
135 Hart Senate Building
Washington, D.C. 20510-6200

Re: April 23, 2010 Letter Requesting Information Concerning
Summary of SEC OIG Pornography Investigations

Dear Senator Grassley:

Thank you for your April 23, 2010 letter requesting further information concerning the recent summary of Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) Office of Inspector General (OIG) pornography-related investigations. In response to your request, we are writing to inform you that of the 33 subjects that we found had engaged in inappropriate conduct, five contractors have been removed from their SEC contract, eight employees resigned from the Commission, six employees were suspended, with the suspensions ranging in length from one day to 14 days, five employees were issued formal reprimands, six employees were issued informal counseling or warning letters, and three employees are currently facing disciplinary action.

In addition, the SEC's Office of Information Technology (OIT) provides periodic reports to the OIG concerning the SEC employees and contractors who have had significant numbers of attempts to access pornographic website blocked by the Commission's Internet filter, or who have successfully accessed pornographic websites. The OIG has made specific requests to agency management in order to ensure that these reports, and the supporting detail, are provided on a continuous basis. Further, the OIG periodically requests updated searches of the computers, or log records, of those employees or contractors who have been found to have accessed, or attempted to access, pornographic images in the past to ensure such conduct has not reoccurred.

Finally, during several of our investigations and inquiries into misuse of government resources by SEC employees and contractors, we learned that employees were able to access pornographic images by searching for images using Internet search engines, such as Google and Yahoo, and turning off the SafeSearch Filter feature. In March 2008, we issued a memorandum to management recommending that the SEC's OIT, on a Commission-wide basis, implement the necessary technology to prevent employees from turning off the SafeSearch Filter feature when searching for images on the Internet, and management subsequently implemented this recommendation.

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If you have any questions or would like any further information about this matter,
please contact me at 202-.

Sincerely,



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