



U.S. GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE

441 G St. N.W.
Washington, DC 20548

August 13, 2019

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
Chairman, Committee on Finance
United States Senate

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Thank you for your letter requesting that the Government Accountability Office review how federal agencies implement and oversee conflict-of-interest policies and requirements related to federally-funded research.

GAO accepts your request as work that is within the scope of its authority. Your request has been assigned to Mr. John Neumann, Managing Director, Science, Technology Assessment, and Analytics and staff are available to begin the work shortly. Mr. Neumann or a member of his team will contact Mr. Joshua Flynn-Brown to discuss the request, your needs, and the engagement objectives, scope, and methodology in accordance with GAO's protocols. As applicable, we will also be in contact with the cognizant Inspector General's office to ensure that we are not duplicating efforts. If an issue arises during this coordination, we will consult with you regarding its resolution.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Neumann at 202-512-4645 or neumannj@gao.gov, or Mr. David Lewis, Assistant Director, Congressional Relations, on my staff at 202-512-7176 or lewisd@gao.gov.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Orice Williams Brown". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Orice Williams Brown
Managing Director
Congressional Relations

cc: Mr. Joshua Flynn-Brown

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