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April 21, 2023

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
Ranking Member
Senate Committee on the Budget
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Ranking Member Grassley:

As a follow up to your prior letter dated February 22, 2023, I wanted to provide you with a copy of my most recent correspondence with the former Architect of the Capitol J. Brett Blanton.

The Architect of the Capitol (AOC) has completed its review to determine whether any funds should be withheld based on the AOC Office of Inspector General substantiated findings per *2021-0011-INVI-P – J. Brett Blanton, Architect of the Capitol, Abused His Authority, Misused Government Property and Wasted Taxpayer Money, Among Other Substantiated Violations*.

As indicated in the attached correspondence, \$12,516.76 will be withheld from Mr. Blanton's final annual leave payment from the agency. The remaining funds will be processed to his account.

Looking ahead, I remain committed to ensuring that **all** AOC employees must be accountable and comply with agency policies. Please let me know if you have any other questions or concerns. I appreciate your support for the agency's mission and work.

Sincerely,

Chere Rexroat, RA
Acting Architect of the Capitol



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Mr. J. Brett Blanton
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Dear Mr. Blanton:

This letter serves as notification that \$12,516.76 will be withheld from your final annual leave payment from the Architect of the Capitol (AOC). The remaining funds will be processed to your account.

The withheld amount is based on the AOC Office of Inspector General substantiated findings per *2021-0011-INVI-P – J. Brett Blanton, Architect of the Capitol, Abused His Authority, Misused Government Property and Wasted Taxpayer Money, Among Other Substantiated Violations*. I also considered your response dated March 24, 2023. The withheld amount was reduced by \$1,409.80, reflecting the AOC's recovery of that sum from the other driver's insurance company for the vehicle damage.

Sincerely,

Chere Rexroat, RA
Acting Architect of the Capitol