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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable Jacob J. Lew – Secretary of the Treasury

FROM: The Honorable Christy Goldsmith Romero – Special Inspector General for the Troubled Asset Relief Program

SUBJECT: Engagement Memorandum – Review of Homeowners Who Sought or Received Help in HHF Who Ended Up in Foreclosure

As part of our continuing oversight of the Troubled Asset Relief Program (“TARP”), the Office of the Special Inspector General for the Troubled Asset Relief Program (“SIGTARP”) is initiating an evaluation of homeowners who sought or received help from the Housing Finance Agency (“HFA”) Innovation Fund for the Hardest Hit Housing Markets (“Hardest Hit Fund”) who ended up in foreclosure. Treasury authorized \$7.6 billion in TARP funding through HHF to help families in states hit hard by the economic and housing downturn avoid foreclosure.

Our objective is to assess whether HHF participants or applicants ended up in foreclosure and any factors related to that outcome.

We plan to start work on this engagement immediately, under SIGTARP engagement code 007. We expect to perform work at the Department of the Treasury, participating state housing finance agencies, and participating mortgage servicers. A member of my staff will contact your staff shortly to arrange an entrance conference to discuss our scope, methodology, and timeframes in more detail.

For additional information on this engagement, you may contact me or Mr. Bruce S. Gimbel, Deputy Special Inspector General for Audit and Evaluation (Bruce.Gimbel@treasury.gov / 202-927-8978), or Ms. Jenniffer F. Wilson, Assistant Deputy Special Inspector General for Audit and Evaluation (Jenniffer.Wilson@treasury.gov / 202-622-4633).