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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable Jacob J. Lew – Secretary of the Treasury
Christy Goldsmith Romero
FROM: The Honorable Christy Goldsmith Romero – Special Inspector
General for the Troubled Asset Relief Program (SIGTARP)
SUBJECT: Engagement Memorandum – Evaluation of the Denial of
Homeowners Applying for Hardest Hit Fund Assistance

As part of our continuing oversight of TARP's Housing Finance Agency Innovation Fund for the Hardest Hit Housing Markets ("Hardest Hit Fund"), SIGTARP is initiating an evaluation.

Our objective is to assess the denial of homeowners applying for Hardest Hit Fund assistance.

We plan to start work on this engagement immediately, under SIGTARP engagement code 009. We expect to perform work at the Department of the Treasury and selected state housing finance agencies participating in the Hardest Hit Fund. 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 Ms. Jenniffer F. Wilson, Deputy Special Inspector General for Audit and Evaluation (Jenniffer.Wilson@treasury.gov / 202-622-4633).