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Representative Bill Pascrell, Jr.
Chairman
Subcommittee on Oversight
Committee on Ways and Means
1102 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Representative Mike Kelly
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Oversight
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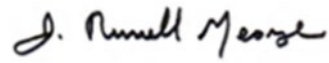
Dear Chairman Pascrell and Ranking Member Kelly:

I am writing in response to your letter dated December 18, 2020, regarding “the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency recently issued Emergency Directive 21-01 calling on all Federal agencies to review their networks for indicators of a compromise involving SolarWinds Orion products and to secure their networks against exploitation.” You asked us “what the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) knows about the impact, if any, of the compromise on the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) at this time.” TIGTA takes seriously its IRS oversight responsibility, including the safeguarding of taxpayer information.

On December 13, 2020, TIGTA became aware of an alleged cyberattack on the U.S. Department of the Treasury. TIGTA immediately reached out to the IRS’s Computer Security and Incident Response Center, in order to work with the IRS to determine the impact, if any, to IRS operations. At this time, there is no evidence that any taxpayer information was exposed. TIGTA will continue working with the IRS in conducting additional forensic reviews and network log analysis as additional information related to this event becomes available.

If you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 622-6500, or have a member of your staff contact David Barnes, Acting Congressional Liaison, at (202) 622-3062.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J. Russell George". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

J. Russell George