



**Denali Commission**  
Office of Inspector General  
Anchorage, AK 99501

March 31, 2016

The Honorable Ron Johnson  
Chairman, Committee on Homeland  
Security and Governmental Affairs  
U.S. Senate

The Honorable Thomas R. Carper  
Ranking Member, Committee on Homeland  
Security and Governmental Affairs  
U.S. Senate

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley  
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary  
U.S. Senate

The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy  
Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary  
U.S. Senate

Dear Chairmen Johnson and Grassley and Ranking Members Carper and Leahy,

In response to your request of February 27, 2015, we are providing our semiannual update on our office's open and unimplemented recommendations. Our answers to your request are numbered below in accordance with the numbering on your request.

1. There are no open and unimplemented recommendations.
2. There are no audits, evaluations, or investigations provided to the Commission for comment but not responded to within 60 days.
3. There are no investigations involving GS-15 level or above staff.
4. There are no reported instances of whistleblower retaliation.
5. There are no instances of Commission staff attempts to interfere with IG independence.
6. There are no instances of Commissioners or Commission staff resisting or objecting in a significant manner to Denali OIG oversight. There are no instances where the agency refused to provide, or otherwise delayed or restricted my office's access to, records or other information.
7. Lastly, there are no closed investigations, evaluations, or audits that were not disclosed to the public since we last reported on November 17, 2015.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (206) 220-7970.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David Sheppard", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

David Sheppard  
Inspector General, Denali Commission

cc: Joel Niemeyer, Federal Co-Chair, Denali Commission  
David Smith, Deputy Inspector General, U.S. Department of Commerce