



May 12, 2009

The Honorable Edward M. Kennedy  
Chairman, Committee on Health,  
Education, Labor, and Pensions  
U.S. Senate  
428 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Kennedy:

Enclosed is a Special Report to the Congress from the Inspector General of the Corporation for National and Community Service. The Special Report expresses the Inspector General's concerns about the negotiation and resolution of *United States v. St. HOPE Academy, Kevin Johnson & Dana Gonzalez*. We have been advised that the Inspector General considers this Special Report to be a communication to the Congress under section 5(d) of the Inspector General Act of 1978. Section 5(d) requires that we forward this report to appropriate committees and subcommittees of the Congress, along with comments the Corporation deems appropriate.

The Acting United States Attorney for the Eastern District of California, in announcing the terms of a Settlement Agreement on April 9, 2009, stated as follows: "The agreement reached strikes a proper balance between accountability and finality." The Acting U.S. Attorney also issued a letter of commendation, dated April 17, 2009, praising our Office of General Counsel for its outstanding work in resolving the matter to protect the interests of the United States while ensuring a just result.

We are constrained from commenting substantively on the Inspector General's Special Report because we have been advised that the Acting United States Attorney for the Eastern District of California has formally communicated concerns about the Inspector General's conduct in this matter to the Chair of the Integrity Committee of the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency. Upon the completion of the Integrity Committee's consideration of this matter, we will promptly provide our comments on the Special Report.

We are available to answer whatever questions you may have regarding this matter, consistent with respecting the Integrity Committee's process.

Sincerely,

Nicola Goren  
Acting Chief Executive Officer

cc: Senator Enzi



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