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Washington, DC 20548

May 10, 2017

The Honorable Jeff Flake  
United States Senate

Dear Senator Flake:

Thank you for your letter of April 25, 2017, jointly signed by a number of your colleagues, requesting that the Government Accountability Office review the application of statutory transparency requirements that programs or projects funded by the Departments of Labor, HHS and Education and related agencies must disclose the total costs of activities that were paid with federal funds.

GAO accepts your request as work that is within the scope of its authority. At the current time we anticipate that staff with the required skills will be available to initiate an engagement in about four months. Your request has been assigned to [REDACTED], Managing Director, Strategic Issues. Closer to the time GAO can start this engagement, [REDACTED] or a member of his team will contact [REDACTED] to confirm that this request continues to be your priority for us. As applicable, we will also be in contact with the cognizant Inspector General's office to ensure that we are not duplicating efforts. If an issue arises during this coordination, we will consult with you regarding its resolution.

If you have any questions, please contact [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] or [REDACTED], or [REDACTED], Assistant Director, Congressional Relations, on my staff at [REDACTED] or [REDACTED].

Sincerely yours,

Katherine Siggerud  
Managing Director  
Congressional Relations

cc: [REDACTED]

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