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The Honorable Darrell Issa, Chairman  
Committee on Oversight and Government Reform  
United States House of Representatives  
2157 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515-6143

Dear Chairman Issa:

Thank you for your letter of April 4, 2012, requesting that the Government Printing Office (GPO) Office of Inspector General (OIG) provide information on the status of open and unimplemented recommendations. Specifically, you requested the following: (1) the number of open and unimplemented OIG recommendations; (2) estimated cost savings associated with open and unimplemented recommendations; (3) our three most important open and unimplemented recommendations; and (4) the number of recommendations that have been implemented between April 7, 2011, and the present.

Recommendations result from audits, evaluations, investigations, inspections, and other reviews pursuant to the GPO Inspector General Act of 1988, title II of Public Law 100-504 (October 18, 1988). Cost savings were based on questioned costs, unsupported costs, and funds put to better use.

#### 1. Number of Open and Unimplemented Recommendations

As of April 27, 2012, there are a total of 67 open recommendations related to 19 audit or assessment reports. Thirty six of the 67 open recommendations were made within the last four months and GPO is working on corrective action plans to address each recommendation.

#### 2. Open Recommendations with Estimated Cost Savings

As of April 27, 2012, we identified two open recommendations, which were included in two audit reports. The recommendations carry an estimated monetary benefit or cost savings totaling \$3,339,893. See below for the detailed information on the two recommendations.

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- **OIG Report: Maintaining Effective Control over Employee Overtime,** Report No.12-08, March 30, 2012. (Funds Put To Better Use: \$2,967,176)

We recommended modifying Directive 640.7D, “General Pay Administration,” dated April 2008, requiring that supervisors obtain approval before asking employees to work overtime.

GPO agreed with the recommendation and is in the process of taking action to close the recommendation.

- **OIG Report: Selected Aspects of GPO Time and Attendance and Payroll Administration,** Report No. 12-01, November 16, 2011. (Funds Put To Better Use: \$372,717)

We recommended that GPO modify Directive 640.7D, “General Pay Administration,” dated April 2008, to require overtime-authorizing officials ensure that any authorized overtime does not exceed the bi-weekly pay cap.

GPO agreed with the recommendation and is in the process of taking action to close the recommendation.

### 3. Three Most Important Open and Unimplemented Recommendations

To determine the three most significant open recommendations, keeping in line with the OIG Strategic Plan, we assessed whether the recommendation would assist GPO's transformation to a digital platform or improve program and operational integrity. Using these criteria, we identified the following three recommendations.

	Open Recommendation	OIG Report
Assist GPO's Transformation to a Digital Platform	1. Document system security plans and risk assessments in detail sufficient to plan system security controls for general support systems and major application that are equivalent to the NIST SP 800-53 high-impact baseline controls.	FY 2011 Independent Auditors' Report on the U.S. Government Printing Office's FY 2011 Consolidated Financial Statements, Report No. 12-02, December 21, 2011.
Program and Operational Integrity	2. Modify GPO Directive 640.7D, "General Pay Administration," dated April 2008, requiring supervisors obtain approval before asking employees to work overtime.	Maintaining Effective Control over Employee Overtime, Report No. 12-08, March 30, 2012.
	3. Modify GPO Directive 640.7D to require overtime-authorizing officials ensure that any authorized overtime does not exceed the bi-weekly pay cap.	Selected Aspects of GPO Time and Attendance and Payroll Administration, Report No. 12-01, November 16, 2011.

### 4. Number of Recommendations Accepted and Implemented Since April 7, 2011

Lastly, between April 7, 2011, and April 27, 2012, we closed 33 recommendations from 13 audit reports.

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We continue to work closely with managers at GPO to improve operations and maintain a long-standing record of excellence in delivering a world-class service to our Nation. We appreciate GPO's responsiveness to our findings and recommendations and its commitment to prompt corrective actions when needed. We would especially like to note that Senior Managers are actively engaged in working with the OIG to enhance awareness of and involvement in closing OIG recommendations.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact me at (202) 512-0039.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael A. Raponi". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Michael A. Raponi  
Inspector General

cc: The Honorable Elijah Cummings, Ranking Member