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Shelly K. Finlayson
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Dear Ms. Finlayson:

The House Appropriations Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government has received the Office of Government Ethics (OGE) letter dated June 5, 2018, requesting approval to obligate \$72,500 in available lapsed balances. We understand that these funds will be used for unanticipated, one-time, mission-related expenses for newly recommended improvement to OGE's *Integrity* system which was developed based on a congressional mandate contained in the Stop Trading on Congressional Knowledge Act of 2012.

The Committee has reviewed your request and approves the proposed use of funds.

Sincerely,



Tom Graves
Chairman
Subcommittee on Financial Services and
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