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Via Electronic Transmission

The Honorable David Kotz
Inspector General
United States Securities and Exchange Commission
100 F Street, NE
Washington, DC 20549

Dear Inspector General Kotz:

In your semi-annual reports to Congress, you have indicated that your office has investigated several instances of SEC employees inappropriately accessing pornographic materials from their government computers. Specifically, your last three reports described cases involving four senior or supervisory SEC employees, four other non-senior SEC employees, three employees whose rank was not mentioned, and seven contractors.

As you may know, I have made inquiries about similar instances of misusing government computers at other government agencies, such as the National Science Foundation, where there was reason for concern that the problem might be systemic. Accordingly, in order to help determine whether there could be a systemic problem at the SEC, could you please provide a more detailed, comprehensive summary of these types of cases over the last five years? Please ensure that your summary is sufficiently detailed to answer the following questions:

- 1) How many total cases have been substantiated by the SEC/OIG in the last five years?
- 2) How many of the total cases involve senior personnel?
- 3) How many of the cases were reported to SEC management in each of the last five years?

Thank you for your prompt attention to this important matter. Please provide your reply in electronic format to Brian_Downey@finance-rep.senate.gov. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Emilia DiSanto or Jason Foster of my staff at (202) 224-4515

Sincerely,



Charles E. Grassley
Ranking Member