



**U.S. Department of
Transportation**

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of Transportation

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1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

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The Honorable Gene L. Dodaro
Comptroller General
Government Accountability Office
441 G Street, NW
Washington, DC 20548

Dear Mr. Dodaro:

In the enclosed letters, the U.S. Department of Transportation has reported two violations of the Antideficiency Act by the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), totaling \$1,162,998. For each of the matters, we have determined that there was no knowing or willful intent on the part of the responsible party to violate the law. None of the appropriations that are the subject of the two violations were misappropriated, used for an unauthorized purpose, or exceeded budgetary resources that were ultimately made available for obligation. Further, we have taken a number of corrective actions to address the lapses in internal controls leading to such violations and to improve FRA's system of administrative funds control.

Although these violations occurred before I was confirmed as Chief Financial Officer of the U.S. Department of Transportation in January 2016, my office regards ADA compliance with the utmost seriousness, and is committed to appropriately reporting these unfortunate incidents. We have worked hard to identify all of the factors associated with these past problems and have taken the steps needed to correct weaknesses in our systems and procedures. As required by statute, we are also informing Congress and the Government Accountability Office of these violations.

Pursuant to section 1517(b) of Title 31, United States Code, the Comptroller General is to receive a copy of each Antideficiency Act report on the same day such reports are transmitted to the President and Congress. The enclosed letters satisfy this requirement. My staff is available to respond further to any of GAO's inquiries regarding this material.

Sincerely,

Shoshana M. Lew
Chief Financial Officer and
Assistant Secretary for Budget and Programs

Enclosures