



DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
WASHINGTON, D.C.

SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY

April 18, 2014

The Honorable Eugene L. Dodaro
Comptroller General of the United States
Government Accountability Office
Washington, DC 20548

Dear Mr. Comptroller General:

This letter is to report a violation of the Antideficiency Act, as required by section 1351 of Title 31, United States Code.

A violation of section 1342 (Limitation on Voluntary Services) occurred from February 1, 2010 until April 28, 2011 in account 20-0101, Salaries and Expenses, Departmental Offices. The violation occurred within the Office of International Affairs.

In April 2011, the Department of the Treasury determined that four individuals were providing uncompensated services as student interns in IA, though they were not students. For this reason, acceptance of the uncompensated service did not fall within the exception for student interns established by 5 U.S.C. § 3111, and violated 31 U.S.C. § 1342.

Upon realizing the error, the relationship between the individuals and IA was immediately terminated. The Department of the Treasury determined that the violation contained no willful or knowing intent to violate the Antideficiency Act. The Department has instituted a new standard operating procedure for the on-boarding of student interns to prevent a reoccurrence of this violation.

Identical reports will be submitted to the President and presiding officer of each House of Congress.

Sincerely,

Jacob J. Lew