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Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
United States Senate

The Honorable Jeb Hensarling
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Ranking Member
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House of Representatives

Financial Audit: Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Funds' 2017 and 2016 Financial Statements

This report transmits the GAO auditor's report on the results of our audits of the 2017 and 2016 financial statements for the two funds that the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) administers—the Deposit Insurance Fund (DIF) and the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation (FSLIC) Resolution Fund (FRF). The auditor's report is incorporated in the enclosed *Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation 2017 Annual Report*.

As discussed more fully in the auditor's report that begins on page 120 of the enclosed agency annual report, we found

- the financial statements of the DIF and of the FRF as of and for the years ended December 31, 2017, and 2016, are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles;
- FDIC maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting relevant to the DIF and to the FRF as of December 31, 2017; and
- with respect to the DIF and to the FRF, no reportable instances of noncompliance for 2017 with provisions of applicable laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements we tested.

FDIC made progress during 2017 in addressing a significant deficiency[1] that we reported in our 2016 audit.[2] Specifically, FDIC sufficiently addressed the deficiencies in information systems access and configuration management controls such that we no longer consider the remaining control deficiencies in this area, individually or collectively, to represent a significant deficiency as of December 31, 2017.

Section 17 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act, as amended, requires GAO to annually audit the financial statements of the DIF and of the FRF.[3] In addition, the Government Corporation Control Act requires that FDIC annually prepare and submit audited financial statements to Congress, and provides GAO authority to perform the audit.[4] This report responds to these requirements.

We are sending copies of this report to the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Chairman of the FDIC Audit Committee, the Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, the Comptroller of the Currency, the Secretary of the Treasury, the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, interested congressional committees and members, and other interested parties. In addition, the report is available at no charge on the GAO website at http://www.gao.gov.

If you or your staffs have any questions concerning this report, please contact me at (202) 512-3133 or dalkinj@gao.gov. Contact points for our Offices of Congressional Relations and Public Affairs may be found on the last page of this report.

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[1]A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over financial reporting that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance. A material weakness is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over financial reporting, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis.

[2]GAO, *Financial Audit: Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Funds' 2016 and 2015 Financial Statements*, GAO-17-299R (Washington, D.C.: Feb. 15, 2017).

[3]Act of September 21, 1950, Pub. L. No. 797, § 2[17], 64 Stat. 873, 890, *classified as amended at* 12 U.S.C. § 1827.

[4]31 U.S.C. §§ 9101-9110.