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Office of the Special Inspector General
For The Troubled Asset Relief Program

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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable Janet L. Yellen – Secretary of the Treasury

FROM: Ms. Melissa Bruce – Principal Deputy Special Inspector General
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SUBJECT: Engagement Memorandum – Evaluation of Treasury’s Oversight
of the Home Affordable Modification Program (EVAL-017)

SIGTARP’s Audit Mission:

SIGTARP audits and evaluates Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 (“EESA”) programs to identify and prevent fraud, waste, abuse, ineffectiveness, and inefficiency, among other risks. SIGTARP’s continued oversight of Treasury’s EESA housing initiatives remains one of our highest priorities. These housing initiatives, such as the Home Affordable Modification Program (“HAMP”), support the department’s strategic objectives of promoting equitable financial recovery and growth, and a stable and resilient housing market. Treasury launched HAMP to prevent avoidable foreclosures by modifying mortgages for 1.7 million homeowners to be more affordable and sustainable. With approximately 623,000 homeowners in HAMP as of September 2021, it is the largest open EESA program. Treasury paid \$480 million to over 100 financial institutions in fiscal year 2021 and has approximately \$1.08 billion available to pay into the future.

Newly Announced Evaluation:

Treasury continues to conduct oversight of HAMP mortgage servicers to ensure they comply with program guidelines and have effective systems, processes, and controls to administer the program. SIGTARP is initiating an evaluation to review Treasury’s oversight of servicers participating in HAMP.

A member of SIGTARP staff will contact Treasury staff to arrange an entrance conference to discuss our scope and methodology. Please contact me if you need any additional information about this evaluation.