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Dear Secretary Solis, Secretary Geithner, and Secretary Bryson:

I write seeking additional information about the Administration's efforts to remedy widespread and long-standing systemic failures at the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC), which were recently highlighted by the PBGC's Office of Inspector General (OIG).^[1] As you know, the OIG found, among other weaknesses, that PBGC failed to effectively oversee the accounting of the terminated United Airlines pension plans' assets and liabilities. Much to my concern, this is neither the first nor likely the last OIG report on the topic of erroneous retirement plan asset valuations.

I wrote you on November 30, 2011, seeking a timeline by which the PBGC will correct the valuation and determination errors, and notify United Airlines plan participants accordingly. I also asked for information about all the other pension plans overseen by the PBGC that were impacted by the botched audits performed by the Integrated Management Resources Group, Inc. (IMRG). I appreciate the information provided in your January 11, 2012 letter. I am troubled to learn that the PBGC will take until August 15, 2012, a projected 8 months, before reaching out to

^[1] Evaluation Report: PBGC Processing of Terminated United Airlines Pension Plans Was Seriously Deficient, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation Office of Inspector General (November 30, 2011).

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United Airlines plan participants with information about their pensions. I also continue to have questions about the other retirement plan participants, beyond United Airlines, who are potentially impacted by the IMRG audits.

Accordingly, I am reiterating and supplementing my November 30 request with the following questions:

- 1) What specific steps is the PBGC taking to value the plan assets and benefit determinations leading up to the projected August 15, 2012 timeline for informing United Airlines participants about whether their benefits are affected, and, if so, by how much and when their benefits checks will be adjusted accordingly?
- 2) What action is the PBGC taking to identify and correct IMRG's erroneous retirement plan valuation and benefit calculations with respect to all other plans?
- 3) What action is the Board taking to ensure the PBGC identifies and corrects IMRG's erroneous retirement plan valuation and benefit calculations for all affected plans?
- 4) What action is the Board taking to ensure that the PBGC has sufficient resources and expertise to accurately value retirement plan assets and determine benefits?
- 5) What action is the Board taking to ensure all parties responsible for the IMRG botched audits and miscalculations are held accountable?

In light of the seriousness of these issues, I respectfully request a written response to my questions within 14 days. I look forward to your assistance in ensuring that the PBGC can fulfill its mission to insure the pension benefits promised to millions of workers and their families. If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact me or have your staff contact my investigative counsel, Kate Ahlgren, at (202) 226-2068.

Sincerely,



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