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Mr. Noah Bookbinder  
Executive Director  
Citizens for Responsibility and  
Ethics in Washington  
c/o Mr. Adam J. Rappaport  
Chief Counsel and Assistant Director

*VIA EMAIL (arappaport@citizensforethics.org)*

Re: OSC File No. HA-20-000419

Dear Mr. Bookbinder:

This letter is in response to a complaint you filed with the U.S. Office of Special Counsel (OSC) alleging that former U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Region II Administrator Lynne Patton violated the Hatch Act. Specifically, the complaint alleged that Ms. Patton violated the law by using her official authority to produce a video segment for the 2020 Republican National Convention. After filing a complaint for disciplinary action with the U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board, the parties entered into a settlement agreement, which the Chief Administrative Law Judge approved. As part of the settlement agreement, Ms. Patton admitted that she engaged in activity in violation of the Hatch Act and agreed to serve a 48-month debarment from federal employment and to pay a \$1000 fine.

If you have any questions, please contact Hatch Act Unit attorney Jacqueline Yarbrow at (202) 804-7139.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "A. Galindo-Marrone".

Ana Galindo-Marrone  
Chief, Hatch Act Unit