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This letter is a supplemental response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request number **F2019-882722** addressed to the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL). Your request was assigned to the Employee Benefits Security Administration (EBSA) for response. You requested copies of studies/reports provided to the EBSA by the Advanced Analytical Consulting Group since January 1, 2015.

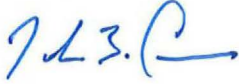
On October 1, 2019, the EBSA responded to your request, withholding studies/reports under Exemptions 5 and 7(E) in its entirety. However, we are releasing the cover pages for those studies/reports.

If you would like to discuss any aspect of your request please do not hesitate to contact the EBSA's FOIA Coordinator, Kathy Hoover at hoover.kathy@dol.gov or the DOL FOIA Public Liaison, Thomas Hicks, by email at hicks.thomas@dol.gov. Alternatively, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) within the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) to inquire about the mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001. You can also reach that office by e-mail at ogis@nara.gov, by phone at 202-741-5770, by fax at 202-741-5769, or by calling toll-free at 1-877-684-6448.

You may administratively appeal by writing to the Solicitor of Labor within 90 days from the date of this letter if you are not satisfied with the response to this request. The appeal must state in writing the grounds for the appeal, and it may include any supporting statements or arguments, but such statements are not required. In order to facilitate processing of the appeal, please include your mailing address and daytime telephone number, as well as a copy of the initial request and copy of this letter. The envelope and letter of the appeal should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." Any amendment to the appeal must be made in writing and received prior to a decision. The appeal should be addressed to the Solicitor of Labor, Division of Management and Administrative Legal Services, U.S. Department of Labor,

200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Room N2420, Washington, DC 20210. Appeals may also be submitted by email to foiaappeal@dol.gov. Appeals submitted to any other email address will not be accepted.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M.B. Connor", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mark B. Connor
Director, Office of Outreach, Education and Assistance

Enclosure

ESTIMATING THE COSTS OF COMPLIANCE WITH EMPLOYEE BENEFIT REGULATIONS

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The Probability of Fiduciary Violations of Employee Benefit Plans

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Characteristics and Performance of Target Date Funds in the United States

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The Ability of Investors to Time Purchases and Sales of Mutual Funds

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