



U.S. Department of Justice

Office of the Inspector General

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The Honorable Joe Neguse  
U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable Jason Crow  
U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable Diana DeGette  
U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable Ed Perlmutter  
U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable Scott R. Tipton  
U.S. House of Representatives

Dear Representatives:

I am writing in response to your July 19, 2019, letter to the Department of Justice (DOJ) Office of the Inspector General (OIG), in which you request that my office investigate the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) oversight of Point of Contact background checks on behalf of the FBI's National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS). I thank you for raising your concerns with my office.

My office has previously examined the FBI's administration of NICS. Because of the importance of this program, we anticipate continuing our oversight of it by initiating an audit of selected aspects of it, including whether the FBI appropriately evaluates Point of Contact state compliance with firearm background checks. We will initiate this audit when we have completed the scoping statement and identified and made available the appropriate staffing resources. We will update you when that occurs.

Thank you for your interest in and support for the OIG's work. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or Adam Miles, Counselor to the Inspector General, at (202) 514-3435.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael E. Horowitz". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Michael E. Horowitz  
Inspector General