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Senator Barrow Peacock
1619 Jimmie Davis Highway
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Via Email: peacockb@legis.la.gov

Dear Senator Peacock:

I am in receipt of your letter dated January 12, 2018 concerning Dr. Ryan Haygood, and am writing to follow up on our recent phone conversation regarding the same.

Per our discussion, OIG dedicated significant time and resources to a thorough review of certain activities at the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry (Dental Board). This review included, but was not restricted to issues raised by Dr. Haygood, and included detailed interviews with over two dozen witnesses, as well as extensive review of documentary evidence. At our request, the Louisiana Legislative Auditor also reviewed certain issues at the Dental Board and issued their own detailed public report.

On December 1, 2016, Dr. Haygood and his attorney, Jerry Harper, participated in a lengthy conference call with OIG General Counsel Joe Lotwick and myself. During the call, we provided a detailed update on the steps OIG had taken, and shared our opinion that the evidence did not support criminal charges against any current or former Dental Board employees, board members or contractors. We are aware from that conversation and others that Dr. Haygood disagrees, but our opinion has not changed. Dr. Haygood still has pending civil litigation on these issues, and the Dental Board has further undergone significant changes in both personnel and geographic location that, in our view, have done much to address problems going forward. We have therefore closed our file in this matter.

It was a pleasure speaking to you. If you have questions or need any additional information, please feel free to call.

With kindest regards, I remain,

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Stephen B. Street, Jr., CIG".

Stephen B. Street, Jr.
Louisiana State Inspector General, C.I.G.

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