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INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

Alleged Violation of the Anti-Lobbying Act (18 U.S.C. § 1913)

The Office of Inspector General (OIG) received an allegation that a senior Department of Labor (DOL) employee violated the Anti-Lobbying Act during a meeting with a private organization. The allegation indicated that during a meeting with the private organization, the DOL employee had requested the organization's support and to organize their members to lobby against a Senator on pending legislation involving retirement benefits.

The OIG substantiated that the DOL employee met with the private organization, however neither the DOL employee nor the private organization could recall any discussions related to lobbying or organizing any campaign against the Senator or the legislation involving retirement benefits.

On June 1, 2022, the OIG referred this case to the Department of Justice Public Integrity Division who declined prosecution. On November 7, 2022, the OIG referred the findings to DOL's Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs for review and administrative action. In response, DOL gave the employee training in ethics rules.

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