



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20580

Office of Inspector General

February 1, 2023

The Honorable Shalanda D. Young
Director
Office of Management and Budget
725 17th Street NW
Washington, DC 20503

Dear Director Young:

The Government Charge Card Abuse Prevention Act of 2012 (Charge Card Act),¹ as implemented by Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Appendix B to Circular No. A-123, *A Risk Management Framework for Government Charge Card Programs*, requires Inspectors General of executive agencies with more than \$10,000,000 in annual purchase card and/or \$10,000,000 in travel card spending to conduct periodic assessments of agency purchase card, convenience check, and travel card programs to identify and analyze risks of illegal, improper, or erroneous purchases and payments. Offices of Inspectors General use these risk assessments to determine the necessary scope, frequency, and number of audits or reviews of these programs. This letter responds to this reporting requirement for the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) for fiscal year (FY) 2023.

The objective of our FY 2022 risk assessment of the FTC's charge card program was to identify and analyze the risk of illegal, improper, or erroneous purchases and payments, as well as determine the scope, frequency, and number of periodic audits of charge card activity that we would plan to conduct. Our assessment included an analysis of all FY 2022 charge card (i.e., purchase card, travel card, and centrally billed account) activity, a limited review of program controls, and an evaluation of the FTC's charge card policies.

Based on our assessment, the OIG has identified the FTC charge card program's overall risk level—including of illegal, improper, and erroneous purchases made through the FTC's purchase card program—as low. As a result, the OIG does not currently plan to conduct audit work over the FTC's charge card program in FY 2023. The OIG also did not conduct charge card program audit work in FY 2022 and there are no open prior recommendations related to the programs. We will continue to periodically assess risks over the FTC's purchase and travel card programs to determine whether we should conduct future audits or reviews.

¹ Pub. L. No. 112-194, 126 Stat. 1445 (2012) (codified at 5 U.S.C. 5701 note; 10 U.S.C. § 2784; 41 U.S.C. § 1909).

The OIG appreciates the cooperation and courtesies extended to us by the FTC Financial Management Office during the course of this assessment. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this assessment, please contact me at (202) 326-3527 or by email at akatsaros@ftc.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew Katsaros". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending from the end of the name.

Andrew Katsaros
Inspector General