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441 G St. N.W.  
Washington, DC 20548

February 3, 2020

The Honorable Debbie Stabenow  
Ranking Member, Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry  
United States Senate

Dear Senator Stabenow:

Thank you for your letter requesting that the Government Accountability Office review matters relating to the Market Facilitation Program (MFP).

GAO accepts your request as work that is within the scope of its authority. Your request has been assigned to Mr. Mark E. Gaffigan, Managing Director, Natural Resources and Environment and staff are available to begin the work shortly. Mr. Gaffigan or a member of his team will contact Mike Schmidt to discuss the request, your needs, and the engagement objectives, scope, and methodology in accordance with GAO's protocols. As applicable, we will also be in contact with the cognizant Inspector General's office to ensure that we are not duplicating efforts. If an issue arises during this coordination, we will consult with you regarding its resolution.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Gaffigan at 202-512-3168 or [gaffiganm@gao.gov](mailto:gaffiganm@gao.gov), or Ms. Rosa Harris, Assistant Director, Congressional Relations, on my staff at 202-512-9492 or [harrisrr@gao.gov](mailto:harrisrr@gao.gov).

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Orice Williams Brown". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Orice Williams Brown  
Managing Director  
Congressional Relations

cc: Mike Schmidt

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