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Randall J. Meyer
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RE: IG File 2016-CA00041

Dear Inspector General Meyer:

Thank you for your investigation of the actions of James A. Barna regarding the allegations of Time Keeping Accountability. As a result of your investigation, ODOT has evaluated your recommendations and offers the following response:

IG Recommendation:

Review the conduct of the employees identified in this report and determine whether administrative action is warranted.

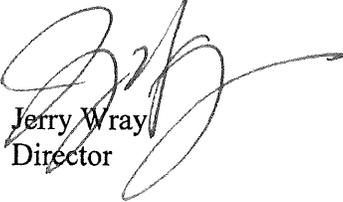
ODOT Response:

ODOT has reviewed the actions of the employees named in the report. After a careful review, James Barna was counseled as to the importance of maintaining accurate records. As the report did not account for time at the statehouse or at meetings offsite, there is no reason to doubt that Mr. Barna did in fact work the total hours captured in Kronos. As such, it was determined that he been given counseling to ensure such conduct does not occur again. Given the nature of the allegations and the position Mr. Barna holds in the organization, he is acutely aware that his information must be timely entered and accurate. Mr. Barna has also been instructed that he alone is responsible for the entering of his time in Kronos and will ensure that ODOT policy is followed.

As for the other employees named, it was determined that no action be taken against them.

Thank you again for your careful review of this matter. Should you have any additional comments, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully,



Jerry Wray
Director

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