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September 15, 2010

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley  
Ranking Member, Committee on Financial Services  
United States Senate  
135 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510-1501

The Honorable Darrell Issa  
Ranking Member, Committee on Oversight and  
Government Reform  
United States House of Representatives  
2157 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515-6143

Dear Senator Grassley and Congressman Issa:

I received your letter dated August 13, 2010 related to FHFA Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request processing. Specifically, you requested that I "determine whether, and if so, the extent to which political appointees are made aware of information requests and have a role in request reviews or decisions-making". We have completed survey field work of the processing of FOIA requests at FHFA. We determined that political appointees are not involved in the review or disposition of FOIA requests and overall we found no control weaknesses in the processing of FOIA requests at FHFA.

I hope that this information is responsive to your concerns. If you have any additional questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Edward Kelley".

Edward Kelley  
Associate Director for Internal Audit

cc: Edward DeMarco, Acting Director, FHFA