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January 31, 2023

The Honorable Muriel Bowser Mayor of the District of Columbia Mayor's Correspondence Unit John A. Wilson Building 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Suite 316 Washington, D.C. 20004 The Honorable Phil Mendelson Chairman Council of the District of Columbia John A. Wilson Building 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Suite 504 Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Mayor Bowser and Chairman Mendelson:

Enclosed is the final report entitled *Emergency (E911) and Non-Emergency (E311) Number Telephone Calling Systems Fund Financial Statements (With Independent Auditor's Report) for Fiscal Years Ended September 30, 2022 and 2021* (OIG No. 22-1-36UC). McConnell & Jones LLP (MJ) conducted the audit and submitted this component report as part of our overall contract for the audit of the District of Columbia's general-purpose financial statements for fiscal year 2022.

On January 3, 2023, MJ issued its opinion and concluded that the financial statements are presented fairly in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. MJ identified no material weaknesses in internal control over financial reporting.

If you have questions about this report, please contact me or Fekede Gindaba, Assistant Inspector General for Audits, at (202) 727-2540.

Sincerely,

iel W. Lucas

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Financial Statements Together with Reports of Independent Auditor's

> For the Years Ended September 30, 2022 and 2021

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Mayor, Members of the Council of the Government of the District of Columbia and Inspector General of the Government of the District of Columbia Washington D.C.

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Government of the District of Columbia Emergency and Non-Emergency Number Telephone Calling Systems Fund (the Fund), a part of the General Fund of the Government of the District of Columbia, as of and for the years ended September 30, 2022 and 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Fund's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Fund as of September 30, 2022, and 2021, and the changes in its financial position for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Fund and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

The Fund's management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The

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risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- · Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fund's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control–related matters that we identified during the audit.

Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Note 2 to the financial statements, the financial statements present only the Fund and do not purport to, and do not present fairly the financial position of the Government of the District of Columbia or its General Fund as of September 30, 2022, and 2021, or the related changes in financial position for the year then ended, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Our opinion is not modified with respect to the matter.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis on pages 4 through 6, and the budgetary comparison schedule on page 12, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.



Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated January 3, 2023, on our consideration of the Fund's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Fund's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

McConnell of Jones

Washington, D.C. January 3, 2023

Management's Discussion and Analysis For the Years Ended September 30, 2022 and 2021

The following is a discussion and analysis of the Government of the District of Columbia (District) Emergency and Non-Emergency Number Telephone Calling Systems Fund (Fund) financial performance for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2022 and 2021. The Office of Unified Communications, which is a subordinate agency under the Mayor, is responsible for the administration of the Fund. The financial statements and accompanying notes should be read in conjunction with this discussion.

Basic Financial Statements

The Fund's basic financial statements are comprised of two components: fund financial statements and notes to the financial statements.

- **Fund Financial Statements.** The governmental fund financial statements focus primarily on the sources, uses, and balances of current financial resources. The financial statements consist of a balance sheet and statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances.
- Notes to the Financial Statements. The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the fund financial statements.

Financial Highlights

2022

- **Pooled Cash** decreased by \$10,192,205 or 61%. The decrease was due to current year expenditures, such as payroll costs, contractual labor and IT related charges exceeding current year revenues.
- **Fund balance** decreased by \$10,213,800 or 57%. The decrease was due to increased current year expenditures such as payroll costs, contractual costs, IT related charges and usage of fund balance to cover additional costs in fiscal 2022.

				2022-2	021	2021-2020			
	2022	2021	2020	Variance	% Variance	Variance	% Variance		
Total Assets	\$ 8,925,710	\$ 19,480,393	\$ 25,566,622	\$ (10,554,683)	-54%	\$ (6,086,229)	-24%		
Total Liabilities	\$ 1,069,515	\$ 1,410,398	\$ 768,125	\$ (340,883)	-24%	\$ 642,273	84%		
Fund Balance	\$ 7,856,195	\$ 18,069,995	\$ 24,798,497	\$ (10,213,800)	-57%	\$ (6,728,501)	-27%		

Condensed Balance Sheets as of September 30, 2022, 2021, and 2020

2021

• **Pooled Cash** decreased by \$6,055,383 or 27%. The decrease was due to the current year expenditures, such as payroll cost, contractual labor and IT related charges exceeding current year revenues.

Management's Discussion and Analysis For the Years Ended September 30, 2022 and 2021

• **Fund balance** decreased by \$6,728,501 or 27%. The decrease was due to lower than expected revenues and usage of fund balance to cover additional expenditures in fiscal year 2021.

2022

- Assets A decrease in total assets by \$10,554,683 or 54% in fiscal year 2022 is attributed to assets being used to cover additional operating cost, such as IT maintenance, supplies and contractual labor.
- Liabilities The liabilities decreased in fiscal year 2022 by \$340,883 or 24%. The decrease is attributed to decreased non-personnel service costs incurred in fiscal year 2022 compared to 2021 and more timely payment for goods and services.

2021

- Assets A decrease in total assets by \$6,086,229 or 24% in fiscal year 2021 is attributed to assets being used to cover additional operating costs, such as IT maintenance costs, supplies and contractual labor.
- Liabilities The liabilities increased in fiscal year 2021 by \$642,273 or 84%. The increase is attributed to increased personnel and non-personnel service costs incurred in fiscal year 2021 compared to 2020.

				2022-2021		2021-2020			
Revenues:	2022	2021	2020		Variance	<u>% Variance</u>		Variance	% Variance
User Fees	\$ 12,308,528	\$ 12,408,673	\$ 12,162,963	\$	(100,145)	-1%	\$	245,710	2%
Interest Income	218,839	16,243	282,636		202,596	1247%		(266,393)	-94%
Prior Year Cost Recovery	 337,350	 -	 60		337,350	100%		(60)	-100%
Total Revenue	\$ 12,864,717	\$ 12,424,916	\$ 12,445,659	\$	(439,801)	-4%	\$	(20,743)	0%
Expenditures:									
Payroll	\$ 11,521,110	\$ 9,107,438	\$ 6,462,694	\$	2,413,672	27%	\$	2,644,744	41%
Telephone, Teletype, Telegram	2,717	-	3,027		2,717	100%		(3,027)	-100%
Professional/Contractual Services	3,803,198	4,136,985	7,062,180		(333,787)	-8%		(2,925,195)	-41%
Information Technology	6,926,048	4,335,229	2,878,371		2,590,819	60%		1,456,859	51%
Other*	 653,669	 1,573,764	 338,172		(920,095)	-58%		1,235,592	365%
Total Expenditures	\$ 22,906,742	\$ 19,153,418	\$ 16,744,444	\$	3,753,324	20%	\$	2,408,973	14%
Other Financing Sources (Uses)									
Transfer to/from other fund/DC Agencies	\$ (171,775)	-	\$ (1,455,501)	\$	(171,775)	100%	\$	1,455,501	-100%
Net Change in Fund Balance	\$ (10,213,800)	\$ (6,728,502)	\$ (5,754,286)	\$	(3,485,297)	52%	\$	(974,215)	17%
Beginning Fund Balance Oct. 1	18,069,995	24,798,497	30,552,783				_		
Ending Fund Balance Sep. 30	\$ 7,856,195	\$ 18,069,996	\$ 24,798,497						

Condensed Statements of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund for the Years Ending September 30, 2022, 2021 and 2020

2022-2021

2021-2020

*Other=Equipment and Machinery, Furniture and Fixtures, General and others not IT related

Management's Discussion and Analysis For the Years Ended September 30, 2022 and 2021

2022

- **Revenues** The Fund assesses user fees to carriers, which is the main source of revenues for the Fund. The fiscal year 2022 fees totaled \$12,308,527 which was a decrease of \$100,146 or 1%. Revenues remained consistent year over year due to timely remittance from carriers.
- **Expenditures** Overall expenditures increased by \$3,753,324 or 20%. During fiscal year 2022, more payroll expenditures were reclassified from local source dollars to the Fund resulting in increased expenditures mainly from the continuing fulltime employment category.
- **Interest Income** Interest Income increased by \$202,596 to \$ 218,839. The increase is attributed to higher interest rates during the fiscal year.

2021

- **Revenue** The Fund assesses user fees to carriers, which is the main source of revenues for the Fund. The fiscal year 2021 fees totaled \$12,408,673 which was an increase of \$245,710 or 2%. This increase is attributed to an increase in remittances from carriers, based on an increase in the number of phone lines in use.
- **Expenditures** Overall expenditures increased by \$2,408,973 or 14%. During fiscal year 2021, more payroll expenditures were reclassified from local source dollars to the Fund resulting in increased expenditures mainly from the continuing full time employment category.
- Interest Income Interest Income decreased by \$266,393 or 94% to \$16,243. The decrease is attributed to a \$6,055,383 or 26.7% reduction in Pooled Cash and lower interest rates for FY 21 compared to the prior year.

Balance Sheets

For the Years Ended September 30, 2022 and 2021

	 2022	 2021
ASSETS		
Pooled Cash	\$ 6,402,574	\$ 16,594,779
Accounts Receivable	 2,523,136	 2,885,614
Total Assets	\$ 8,925,710	\$ 19,480,393
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE		
LIABILITIES		
Vouchers Payable	\$ 402,267	\$ 721,535
Payroll Liabilities	 667,248	 688,863
Total Liabilities	\$ 1,069,515	\$ 1,410,398
FUND BALANCE		
Committed	\$ 22,298,224	\$ 22,470,000
Unassigned	 (14,442,029)	 (4,400,005)
Total Fund Balance	\$ 7,856,195	\$ 18,069,995
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	\$ 8,925,710	\$ 19,480,393

Statements of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance For the Years Ended September 30, 2022 and 2021

	2022		2021			
Revenues:						
Wireline, Wireless, and VOIP User Fees	\$ 11,925,34	40 \$	12,000,153			
Prepaid Wireless and Internet User Fees	383,12		408,520			
Interest Income	218,8	39	16,243			
Prior Year Cost Recovery	337,3	50	-			
Total Revenues	\$ 12,864,71	7 \$	12,424,916			
Expenditures:						
Contractual Services	\$ 3,489,88	39 \$	3,915,377			
Advertising	19,43	30	-			
Equipment and Machinery	48,1	51	10,923			
Furniture and Fixtures	57,34	19	22,263			
General	328,43	57	265,640			
IT Consultants Contracts	93,9	3	10,279			
IT Hardware Acquisitions	58,6	0	73,587			
IT Hardware Maintenance	48,70	51	62,119			
IT Software Maintenance	5,651,7	76	4,187,245			
IT Supplies	-		2,000			
Maintenance and Repairs Auto	45,60)6	31,103			
Maintenance and Repairs Machinery	-		15,000			
OCTO IT Assessment	1,072,98	38	1,061,735			
Payroll	11,521,1	10	9,107,438			
Professional Services	313,30)8	221,608			
Telephone, Teletype, Telegram, etc.	2,7	17	-			
Travel	8,3.	30	-			
Tuition Reimbursement	146,29	97	167,101			
Total Expenditures	\$ 22,906,7 4	2 \$	19,153,418			
Excess of Expenditures over Revenue	\$ (10,042,02	25) \$	(6,728,502)			
Other Financing Sources (Uses)						
Transfer to the District's General Fund	\$ (171,7"	75) \$	-			
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	\$ (171,77	(5) \$	-			
Net Change in Fund Balance	\$ (10,213,80)0) \$	(6,728,502)			
Beginning Fund Balance	\$ 18,069,99	95 \$	24,798,497			
Ending Fund Balance	\$ 7,856,19	5 \$	18,069,995			

Notes to the Financial Statements As of September 30, 2022 and 2021

NOTE 1 DESCRIPTION OF FUND

The Emergency and Non-Emergency Number Telephone Calling Systems Fund (the "Fund") was created on August 11, 2000 pursuant to the Emergency and Non-EmergencyTelephone Calling Systems Fund Act of 2000 (the "Act"). The Fund is part of the General Fund of the District of Columbia (the "District") and is funded by user fees imposed by the Act. The user fees are collected from providers who have subscribers with wireless, wireline, and voice over internet protocol services. Effective October 1, 2010, the Fund began collecting fees from providers who sell prepaid wireless services. The Office of Unified Communications (OUC) is responsible for the administration of the Fund.

NOTE 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Presentation

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared in accordance with U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), as prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB).

A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain District functions or activities.

The Fund is part of the General Fund of the District and the financial statements of the Fund report its financial position and the changes in its financial position. These financial statements present only the Fund and are not intended to present fairly the financial position or changes in financial position of the District as a whole, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

The financial statements are prepared using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenue is recognized when it is both measurableand available. "Measurable" means the amount of the transaction can be determined and "available" means collectible within the current period or soon thereafter, to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, any revenues collected within 60 days after year-end are considered available to pay liabilities of the Fund. Expenditures are typically recorded when the liability is incurred, regardless of the timing related to cash flow.

Fund balance

The Fund's financial statements present fund balance based on classifications that comprise a hierarchy that is based primarily on the extent to which the Fund is bound to honor constraints on the amounts for which funds can be spent. The classifications used in Fund's financial statements are as follows:

Restricted: This classification includes amounts for which constraints have been placed on the use of the resources either (a) externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments, or (b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Notes to the Financial Statements As of September 30, 2022 and 2021

Committed: This classification includes amounts that can be used only for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by ordinance of the District Council, the District's highest level of decision-making authority. These amounts cannot be used for any other purpose, unless the City removes or changes the specified use by taking the same type of action that was employed when the funds were initially committed.

When an expenditure is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted fund balance is available, the District considers restricted funds to have been spent first.

Estimates

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts of assets and liabilities. These estimates also affect the contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of receivables and expenses during the period. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

NOTE 3 POOLED CASH

Cash is deposited into the District's concentration account and reconciled by the Office of Finance Operations on a monthly basis. The cash balances are insured under the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) up to \$250,000 and securities are insured up to \$500,000 under Securities Investor Protection Corporation (SIPC). At times, the balances on deposits and securities will exceed the balance insured by the FDIC and SIPC.

The Fund's cash is deposited into an invested pooled account with the District. As required by D.C. Law 34-1802, the District allocates to the Fund its share of interest income earned from the pooled account. In fiscal year 2022, interest income allocated to the Fund totaled \$ 218,839. At September 30, 2022 and 2021, the Fund's pooled cash with the District totaled \$6,402,574 and \$16,594,779, respectively.

In accordance with District policies, substantially all deposits were insured or collateralized with securities held by the District or by its agent in the name of the District. As of September 30, 2022 and 2021, there was no exposure to interest rate, credit, concentration or foreign currency risks as the Fund held no investments.

NOTE 4 ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Accounts receivable represents the fees owed by carriers. At September 30, 2022 and 2021, accounts receivable were \$2,523,136 and \$2,885,614, respectively.

NOTE 5 SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The District has evaluated subsequent events through the date this report was available for issuance, which is January 3, 2023. The review revealed no material events that would influence the financial statements.

Budgetary Comparison Schedule For the Year Ended September 30, 2022

	Budget Adopted and Final Actual		Actual	Variance		
Revenues:						
User Fees	\$ 23,130,889	\$	12,308,528	\$	10,822,361	
Interest Income	-		218,839		(218,839)	
Prior Year Cost Recovery	-		337,350		(337,350)	
Total Revenues	\$ 23,130,889	\$	12,864,717	\$	10,266,172	
Expenditures:						
Advertising	\$ 150,000	\$	19,480	\$	130,520	
Contractual Services	4,103,538		3,489,889		613,649	
Purchases - Equipment & Machinery	50,000		48,151		1,849	
Purchases - Furniture & Fixtures	80,000		57,349		22,651	
General	287,000		328,457		(41,457)	
IT Consultants Contracts	75,000		93,913		(18,913)	
IT Hardware Acquisitions	80,000		58,610		21,390	
IT Hardware Maintenance	85,000		48,761		36,239	
IT Software Maintenance	6,306,966		5,651,776		655,190	
Maintenance & Repairs - Auto	65,000		45,606		19,394	
Maintenance & Repairs - Machinery	5,000		-		5,000	
OCTO IT Assessment	1,153,472		1,072,988		80,484	
Payroll	9,984,977		11,521,110		(1,536,133)	
Professional Services	425,686		313,308		112,378	
Telephone, Teletype, Telegram, etc.	-		2,717		(2,717)	
Travel-Out of City	35,000		8,330		26,670	
Tuition Reimbursement	 244,250		146,297		97,953	
Total Expenditures	\$ 23,130,889	\$	22,906,742	\$	224,147	
Other Financing Sources (Uses)						
Transfer to the District's General Fund	-		(171,775)	\$	171,775	
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	 -	\$	(171,775)	\$	171,775	
Excess (Deficit) Revenue Over (Under)	 					
Expenditures and Other Financing Sources (Uses)	\$ -	\$	(10,213,800)	\$	10,213,800	

Notes to the Budgetary Comparison Schedule For the Year Ended September 30, 2022

NOTE 1 BUDGET BASIS

The Fund has a legally adopted budget approved by the District's City Council. Pursuant to the Reprogramming Policy Act, the District may reallocate budget amounts within an appropriation title. No reallocations occurred within the Fund in fiscal year 2022. The budgetary comparison schedule has been prepared in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.



REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Mayor, Members of the Council of the Government of the District of Columbia and Inspector General of the Government of the District of Columbia Washington D.C.

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the Government of the District of Columbia's Emergency and Non-Emergency Number Telephone Calling Systems Fund (the Fund), a part of the General Fund of the Government of the District of Columbia as of and for the year ended September 30, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Fund's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated January 3, 2023.

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Fund's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fund's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fund's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control is a deficiency or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified.

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Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Fund's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fund's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Fund's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

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Washington D.C. January 3, 2023

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