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Lauren Grasso, Esq.
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Re: NYS IG 2271-300-2020

Dear Director Grasso:

On April 30, 2019, the Executive Chamber alleged to the Offices of the New York State Inspector General that Jeanne Engwer, a confidential stenographer formerly employed in the Executive Chamber, may have committed time and attendance abuse prior to her separation from State service on April 26, 2019. Specifically, it was alleged that Engwer submitted time sheets that conflicted with access (swipe card) logs generated at her work parking garage and office. The Inspector General's review confirmed this allegation, as detailed below.

The Inspector General compared Engwer's time sheets to parking garage and office swipe records for the period January 14 through April 3, 2019. During this 56-workday period, Engwer reported that she worked on all or a portion of 54 days for a total of 396.75 hours. On each of these 54 days, Engwer had swipe card activity at the work garage and/or office.

The review found evidence that Engwer often arrived at her office later than the time she reported on her time sheets. On 28 of the 54 days Engwer claimed she had worked, swipe card data shows that Engwer was tardy. The tardiness ranged from 10 to 67 minutes and totaled 12.27 hours. This equates to approximately \$515.34 in possible unearned income.

The review also found evidence that may indicate Engwer often left work earlier than she reported on her time sheets. On 49 of the 54 days that Engwer claimed she had worked, her swipe card data shows Engwer's latest swipe each day occurred 17 to 259 minutes earlier than she reported in her time sheets. This time totaled 51.37 hours, which equates to approximately \$2,158.11 in possible unearned income. However, due to the several possible routes available to Engwer while exiting work each day and the lack of swipe card readers at some of those exits, her latest daily swipe card record may not be representative of the time she actually departed her office each workday. Therefore, the swipe card analysis may not fully reflect the totality of Engwer's misrepresentations on her time sheets.

Given these findings, I am referring this matter to you for any action you deem appropriate. If you require further information, please contact Chief Deputy Inspector General Robyn M. Adair at 518.474.1010.

Sincerely,

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Letizia Tagliafierro
Inspector General