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April 6, 2021

Camille Joseph Varlack, Esq.
Chair
New York State Joint Commission on Public Ethics
540 Broadway
Albany, New York 12207

Re: NYS IG 1748-002-2020

Dear Commissioner Joseph Varlack:

On July 29, 2020, the New York State Office of General Services (OGS) alleged to the Offices of the New York State Inspector General that Ryan Shufelt, a construction manager/inspector hired by OGS through a contract with OGS consultant STV/LeChase Joint Venture, abused his position of authority while working on a State project. Specifically, OGS alleged that in December 2019, Shufelt, while providing inspection services on a State project at the Hampton Plaza in Albany, attempted to sell his van to [REDACTED]. When [REDACTED] did not purchase the van, OGS alleged, Shufelt retaliated by filing project deficiency reports and orchestrating [REDACTED]. OGS also alleged that Shufelt sold his motorcycle to [REDACTED] who then hired Shufelt's son for masonry work on the project.

masonry work performed by his son. OGS records reveal that the lead inspector who replaced Shufelt when he was subsequently removed from the job site issued deficiency notices regarding the same masonry work.

As the actions of Shufelt may be in violation of New York State Public Officers Law, I am providing the findings of this investigation to the New York State Joint Commission on Public Ethics for its review.

If you require further information, please contact Deputy Inspector General James R. Davis at 518.474.1010.

Sincerely,

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Letizia Tagliaferro
Inspector General

Cc: Monica Stamm, Esq.
Acting Executive Director and General Counsel