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ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO TAX AND TRADE BUREAU
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IMEMORANDUM TO: All Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau Employees

FROM: Administrator

SUBJECT: Equal Employment Opportunity and Diversity Policy

As Administrator, I am reaffirming my commitment to incorporating the principles of Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) and Diversity into the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau's (TTB) daily operations and decision-making. EEO is about ensuring the work environment is free from unlawful discrimination and harassment, and provides employees with equal opportunities for jobs, training, and development. TTB will ensure that all individuals have equal opportunity to participate in, and receive benefits from, all programs or activities conducted or funded by the Bureau. Valuing diversity is about accepting and integrating individuals from tiverse backgrounds.

TTB is committed to providing a discrimination free work environment where employees are treated fairly and equally regardless of race, sex, age, color, religion, national origin, disability, reprisal, parental status, sexual orientation, or protected genetic information. It is imperative that all managers and supervisors fully comply with all laws governing equal employment opportunity practices, and assure employees are free from any interference or reprisal for participating in the equal employment opportunity complaint process. All employees also must treat one another with respect and dignity. We all need to work together to maintain a workplace that fosters mutual respect, honors differences, and provides equal opportunities for everyone. The continued success of our Bureau depends upon the sustained support and commitment of all managers, supervisors, and employees.

I also pledge to maintain a climate in which employees are valued and empowered to excel, and are provided with opportunities to achieve their full potential in support of TTB's mission. By moving beyond simple tolerance of individual differences, and integrating and leveraging our unique perspectives, we can bring forward a diversity of views and methods to resolve problems and contribute to the successful accomplishment of TTB's goals.

In order to continue to flourish, TTB must continue upholding our commitment to providing equal employment opportunities for all employees and applicants for employment, and foster an inclusive environment that values each individual. By bringing together our differences, we create a nurturing environment where employees can thrive, thus resulting in a bureau of excellence.

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