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MEMORANDUM TO THE HEADS OF EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

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Director

SUBJECT: Implementation of Section 2 of Memorandum on Reviewing Funding to State and Local Government Recipients of Federal Funds That Are Permitting Anarchy, Violence, and Destruction in American Cities

On September 2, 2020, the President issued a *Memorandum on Reviewing Funding to State and Local Government Recipients of Federal Funds That Are Permitting Anarchy, Violence, and Destruction in American Cities*. This memorandum, issued to the Attorney General and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), sets forth a policy that the Administration will not allow Federal tax dollars to fund cities that allow themselves to deteriorate into lawless zones.

To support this policy, this guidance implements Section 2 of this Memorandum, which requires the following:

Review of Federal Funds. To advance the policy set forth in section 1 of this memorandum, within 14 days of the date of this memorandum, the Director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) shall issue guidance to the heads of executive departments and agencies (agencies) for each agency to submit a report to the Director of OMB detailing all Federal funds provided to Seattle, Portland,<sup>1</sup> New York City, Washington, D.C., or any components or instrumentalities of the foregoing jurisdictions.

To meet this requirement, I am asking all Federal Departments and Agencies to submit a detailed spending report to OMB by no later than October 16, 2020. Please send these reports to agency Resource Management Office (“RMO”) contacts. RMOs will provide agencies a template to submit this information. If you do not have any spending to report, please notify your OMB RMO representative.

In this report, agencies should report on obligations from all sources—including grants, loans, contracts, and other monetary award data – in fiscal years (FY’s) 2018, 2019 and 2020. Since FY 2021 appropriations are not enacted into law, please report the estimated amounts in that year included in the President’s Budget request and the amounts reflected in House-passed appropriations bills.

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<sup>1</sup> Portland, Oregon.

Your agency's spending report should include both Federal assistance provided directly to these city governments, as well as their components and instrumentalities. Agencies should also identify funding provided through the sub-granting or sub-allocation of Federal funds from another entity (e.g., State government). For the purposes of providing additional context around the Federal assistance provided to these cities, the Federal assistance your agency reports should include, and clearly indicate, circumstances where those jurisdictions function as a "pass through" to other entities.

When reporting the Federal assistance provided by your agency, please indicate when a particular source of funding supports law enforcement. Such programs and activities, when properly designed and implemented, can help prevent the deterioration of municipalities into lawless zones.

Please contact your RMO representative if you have any questions about the spending you should report, and be ready for any questions they may have.