

VIA EMAIL

January 15, 2025

Regan Perrodin  
State Ethics Commission Director  
Office of Inspector General  
402 West Washington Street, Room W451  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Re: LSA Document #25-4/Regulatory Analysis-Small Business Economic Impact Statement

Dear Ms. Perrodin,

Pursuant to Indiana Code 4-22-2.1-5(c)(2), as the Small Business Ombudsman for the state of Indiana, I have reviewed the proposed rule and economic impact analysis associated with the rule changes contained in LSA Document #25-4 (proposed rule) submitted to the Indiana Small Business Ombudsman by the Office of the Inspector General. I have found the following to be true.

Proposed rule LSA #25-4 amends 40 Indiana Administrative Code (IAC) 2-3-9 in order to update the factors which the State Ethics Committee will consider when assessing whether to issue a civil penalty or not, or when considering the monetary amount that should be associated with a given civil penalty.

The Office of the Inspector General's provided analysis displays a proper due diligence and understanding of how implementation must be carried out to ensure compliance while minimizing the potential impact to small businesses and individuals. Based upon this statement and review, the Indiana Small Business Ombudsman supports the proposed rule related to the economic impact on small business if the Office of the Inspector General's conclusion reflects the actual result after promulgation. If there are any questions about these comments, please contact me at [ombudsman@iedc.in.gov](mailto:ombudsman@iedc.in.gov).

Sincerely,  
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Indiana Economic Development Corporation