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The Honorable Paul K. Martin  
Inspector General  
National Aeronautics and Space Administration  
300 E Street SW  
Washington, DC 20546

Dear Mr. Martin:

It has been brought to my attention that the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) has failed to comply with the law requiring executive agencies to disclose luxury travel accommodations. Federal regulations (CFR Title 41 under 5 U.S. Code 5707) make it clear that agencies must report to the General Service Administration (GSA) any federal employees' use of transportation accommodations other than coach class on official business no later than 60 days after the end of each fiscal year. However, GSA records show that NASA failed to file a report in 2012.

As you know, American taxpayers pay for the travel of all federal agencies. The government has a responsibility to use that money wisely – particularly at a time when our nation is over \$17 trillion in debt. Furthermore, taxpayers have a right to know how their money is being spent. Considering these facts, I request a response to each of the following questions within 21 days:

1. Why has NASA not filed a report with the GSA detailing luxury travel costs in 2012?
2. When do you expect NASA to file this report for both the current year and 2012?
3. When was the last time you conducted an audit for compliance with the luxury travel reporting regulations?

Thank you for your prompt consideration of this request, and I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



Walter B. Jones  
Member of Congress