



December 16, 2020

The Honorable Ron Johnson
Chairman
Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Gary C. Peters
Ranking Member
Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
United States
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Johnson and Senator Peters:

Pursuant to the Foundations for Evidence-Based Policymaking Act of 2018 (“Evidence Act” or “Act”), I am submitting the following report on compliance by the U.S. Office of Government Ethics (“OGE”) with the requirements of subchapter II of the Act.

OGE is committed to implementing the Evidence Act and achieving the data management objectives as defined by the Federal Data Strategy. In accordance with the guidance and schedule established in the Office of Management and Budget memorandum M-19-23, *Phase I Implementation of the Foundations for Evidence-Based Policymaking Act of 2018: Learning Agendas, Personnel, and Planning Guidance*, OGE completed during fiscal year 2020 the following activities required for non-CFO Act agencies:

- Named a Chief Data Officer (“CDO”);
- Established a Data Governance Board;
- Participated in CDO training and CDO Council meetings;
- Selected a Data Maturity Assessment Model; and
- Conducted a Data Maturity Assessment.

Furthermore, OGE prioritizes data as a strategic asset and is working to establish data management policies, procedures, and roles. For example, as part of a significant redesign of OGE’s website, OGE created three new document collections with significantly enhanced search and filters: (1) [Legal Research](#) (2) [Individuals Disclosures](#) (3) [Ethics Program Documents](#). These document collections bring together previously disparate content into tables with advanced search capacities and filters that enable users to more quickly find the information they seek and to gain new insights.



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Lastly, OGE plans to develop an Open Data Plan along with any other deliverables required by the forthcoming *Phase 2 Guidance for Implementation of the Foundations for Evidence-Based Policymaking Act of 2018: Open Data Access and Management* required by Office of Management and Budget memorandum M-19-23.

Thank you for reviewing this report of OGE's recent actions under the Evidence Act. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or Grant Anderson of OGE's legislative affairs staff, at 202-482-9318, or grant.anderson@oge.gov.

Chair,

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