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SUBJECT: Appointment as the Chief Data Officer for ITA

In accordance with the Foundations for Evidence-Based Policymaking Act of 2018 (Evidence Act) and associated Office of Management and Budget (OMB) guidance (M-19-23), and in support of the strategic goal of leveraging data as a strategic asset, you are hereby appointed as the Chief Data Officer (CDO) for the International Trade Administration (ITA) and as the standing representative of the ITA to the Commerce Data Governance Board (CDGB). This appointment is in addition to your current classified position and does not change your official assignment or supervisor.

The Evidence Act (signed into law January 2019) requires the head of each agency to establish an agency Data Governance Body, chaired by the CDO with participation from relevant senior-level staff in agency business units, data functions, and financial management. In July 2019, OMB issued Memorandum M-19-23, implementing actions that Agencies must take and recommending the Bureaus and components take similar actions and make similar appointments.

The CDGB was established in September 2019. It is the Department's data governance and coordination body and is chaired by the Commerce CDO, with representatives from all Bureaus. The CDGB Terms of Reference were approved by its members in December 2019, and the body meets to coordinate the management of Commerce data as a strategic asset.

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