



U.S. Department of Justice

Office of the Inspector General

September 21, 2009

The Honorable Lamar S. Smith
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Smith:

This is in response to your letter dated September 15, 2009, regarding the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now or ACORN. Your letter asked the Department of Justice (DOJ) Office of the Inspector General (OIG) to investigate whether ACORN applied for or received any DOJ grant funds, and if so did DOJ conduct any audits or reviews of ACORN's use of such funds.

I am writing to inform you that the OIG plans to open a review into this matter.

If you have additional questions, please contact me or Deputy Inspector General Paul Martin.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Glenn A. Fine", is positioned above the printed name.

Glenn A. Fine
Inspector General

cc: The Honorable John Conyers
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary
House of Representatives