# COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

## U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
### WASHINGTON, DC 20515

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The Honorable Kevin Brady
Chairman, Committee on Ways and Means
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Brady:

Since 1981, the Committee on Ways and Means has published the *Green Book,* which presents background material and statistical data on the major entitlement programs and other activities within the Committee's jurisdiction. Over the decades, the *Green Book* has become a valuable resource and standard reference on American social policy. It is widely used by Members of Congress and their staffs, analysts in congressional and administrative agencies, members of the media, scholars, and citizens interested in the Nation's social policy.

Committee staff who oversaw preparation of the 2016 *Green Book* include Anne DeCesaro, staff director of the Subcommittee on Human Resources, assisted by Ryan Martin, Rosemary Lahasky, and Andrew Rocca of the subcommittee staff. Numerous committee staff reviewed individual chapters.

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On behalf of all those who worked on this, the 23nd edition, I am pleased to transmit the 2016 *Green Book* to you and other Members of the Committee on Ways and Means.

Sincerely,

David Stewart
Staff Director