March 31, 2021

Ms. Kathleen McGettigan
Acting Director
Office of Personnel Management
1900 E Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20415

Dear Acting Director McGettigan:

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Enclosure

cc: Mr. Norbert E. Vint
Deputy Inspector General
Office of Personnel Management
March 31, 2021

The Honorable Lloyd J. Austin III  
Secretary  
Department of Defense  
1400 Defense Pentagon  
Washington, D.C. 20301

Dear Secretary Austin:

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Enclosure

cc: The Honorable Sean O’Donnell
    Acting Inspector General
    Department of Defense
March 31, 2021

The Honorable Denis R. McDonough
Secretary
Department of Veterans Affairs
810 Vermont Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20571

Dear Secretary McDonough:

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Enclosure

cc: The Honorable Michael J. Missal
Inspector General
Department of Veterans Affairs
March 31, 2021

Ms. Gloria D. Steele  
Acting Administrator  
U.S. Agency for International Development  
Ronald Reagan Building, Suite 610  
1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20523

Dear Acting Administrator Steele:

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Enclosure

cc: Mr. Thomas J. Ullom  
Acting Inspector General  
U.S. Agency for International Development
March 31, 2021

The Honorable Janet L. Yellen
Secretary
Department of the Treasury
1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20220

Dear Secretary Yellen:

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cc: Mr. Richard K. Delmar
Acting Inspector General
Department of the Treasury
March 31, 2021

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary
Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E., 7th Floor
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

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Enclosure

cc: The Honorable Eric J. Soskin
Inspector General
Department of Transportation
March 31, 2021

The Honorable Antony J. Blinken
Secretary
Department of State
2201 C Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Secretary Blinken:

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cc: Ms. Diana Shaw
Deputy Inspector General
Department of State
March 31, 2021

The Honorable Isabel Casillas Guzman
Administrator
Small Business Administration
409 3rd Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20416

Dear Administrator Guzman:

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Enclosure

cc: The Honorable Hannibal “Mike” Ware
Inspector General
Small Business Administration
March 31, 2021

The Honorable Avril Haines
Director of National Intelligence
Office of the Director of National Intelligence
1500 Tysons McLean Drive
McLean, VA 22102

Dear Director Haines:

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Enclosure

cc: Mr. Thomas A. Monheim
Acting Inspector General of the Intelligence Community
March 31, 2021

The Honorable Sethuraman Panchanathan
Director
National Science Foundation
2415 Eisenhower Avenue
Alexandria, Virginia 22314

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cc: Ms. Allison C. Lerner
Inspector General
National Science Foundation
March 31, 2021

The Honorable General Paul M. Nakasone
Director
National Security Agency
9800 Savage Road, Suite 6272
Ft. George G. Meade, MD 20755

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cc: The Honorable Robert P. Storch
Inspector General
National Security Agency
March 31, 2021

The Honorable Martin J. Walsh  
Secretary  
Department of Labor  
200 Constitution Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20210

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Enclosure

cc: Mr. Larry D. Turner
Acting Inspector General
Department of Labor
March 31, 2021

The Honorable Merrick B. Garland  
Attorney General  
Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Attorney General Garland:

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Enclosure

cc: The Honorable Michael E. Horowitz
Inspector General
Department of Justice
March 31, 2021

The Honorable Deb Haaland
Secretary
Department of the Interior
1849 C Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Secretary Haaland:

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Enclosure

cc: The Honorable Mark Lee Greenblatt
Inspector General
Department of the Interior
March 31, 2021

The Honorable Marcia L. Fudge
Secretary
Department of Housing and Urban Development
451 7th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20410

Dear Secretary Fudge:

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Enclosure

cc: The Honorable Rae Oliver Davis
Inspector General
Department of Housing and Urban Development
March 31, 2021

The Honorable Alejandro Mayorkas
Secretary
Department of Homeland Security
245 Murray Lane, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20528

Dear Secretary Mayorkas:

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Enclosure

cc: The Honorable Joseph V. Cuffari
Inspector General
Department of Homeland Security
March 31, 2021

The Honorable Xavier Becerra
Secretary
Department of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20201

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cc: Ms. Christi A. Grimm
Principal Deputy Inspector General
Department of Health and Human Services
March 31, 2021

Ms. Katy Kale
Acting Administrator
General Services Administration
1800 F Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20405

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Enclosure

cc: The Honorable Carol F. Ochoa
Inspector General
General Services Administration
March 31, 2021

The Honorable Michael S. Regan
Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20004

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cc: The Honorable Sean O’Donnell
Inspector General
Environmental Protection Agency
March 31, 2021

The Honorable Jennifer M. Granholm  
Secretary  
Department of Energy  
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Secretary Granholm:

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Enclosure

cc: The Honorable Teri L. Donaldson
Inspector General
Department of Energy
March 31, 2021

The Honorable Miguel A. Cardona
Secretary
Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20202

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Enclosure

cc: Ms. Sandra D. Bruce
Acting Inspector General
Department of Education
March 31, 2021

The Honorable Gina M. Raimondo  
Secretary  
Department of Commerce  
1401 Constitution Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20230

Dear Secretary Raimondo:

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cc: The Honorable Peggy E. Gustafson
Inspector General
Department of Commerce
March 31, 2021

The Honorable Thomas J. Vilsack
Secretary
Department of Agriculture
1400 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20250

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The Inspector General Act of 1978 (IG Act) established the federal inspectors general as independent watchdogs tasked with improving the effectiveness and efficiency of the federal government and investigating allegations of waste, fraud, and abuse. The law provides broad access for inspectors general to conduct thorough investigations so that the agency and Congress—and by extension, the American people—are “fully and currently informed about problems and deficiencies.” 1 The IG Act provides that inspectors general are authorized to have:

[T]imely access to all records, reports, audits, reviews, documents, papers, recommendations, or other materials available to the applicable establishment which relate to the programs and operations with respect to which that Inspector General has responsibilities under this Act. 2

The IG Act further provides that inspectors general have authority “to request such information or assistance as may be necessary for carrying out the duties and responsibilities provided by this Act from any Federal, State, or local governmental agency or unit thereof.” 3

The Committee is considering legislation to update the authorities of inspectors general. To assist that effort and the Committee’s ongoing oversight of the functioning of federal inspectors general, please provide the following by April 14, 2021:

3 Id.
1. All documents related to current agency policies or procedures for cooperating with Inspector General requests for information, documents, interviews, testimony, or any other request, including any memoranda of understanding (MOUs) with the Office of Inspector General, regulations, policy guidance documents, legal memoranda, or other documents setting forth such policies or procedures, whether formal or informal; and

2. All operating documents related to whether investigations into employee or official misconduct or disciplinary matters are conducted by the Inspector General, by an internal affairs office, office of professional responsibility, or similar office within the agency, and/or by another entity, including any MOUs with the Office of Inspector General delineating or otherwise related to such responsibilities, regulations, policy guidance documents, legal memoranda, or other documents setting forth such policies or procedures, whether formal or informal.

The Committee on Oversight and Reform has jurisdiction over the Inspector General Act of 1978. The Committee is also the principal oversight committee of the House of Representatives and has broad authority to investigate “any matter” at “any time” under House Rule X. An attachment to this letter provides additional instructions for responding to this request.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Committee staff at (202) 225-5051. Thank you for your prompt attention to this request.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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