

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

May 23, 2023

The Honorable Mark Lee Greenblatt  
Chairman  
Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency  
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Chairman Greenblatt,

In the spirit of our shared commitment to transparency and efficiency in the federal government, we write to request documents related to the operations of the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE) as well as the Integrity Committee's (IC) operations.

In our evaluation, we identified several areas of interest within the IC's operations. For instance, recurring concerns regarding the duration of IC investigations. An investigation involving the former Federal Housing Finance Agency Inspector General spanned four years, from 2017 to 2021.<sup>1</sup> We recognize the need to be thorough, but such extensive deliberation affects the timely resolution of issues, consequently affecting the operation of the respective offices.

Another area of interest is when IC's findings or recommendations are not followed by immediate action, such as in the 2019 probe involving the then-Inspector General for the Securities and Exchange Commission.<sup>2</sup> While we understand that the IC's recommendations are advisory, this raises questions about the effectiveness of the process and the follow-through in terms of accountability.

Furthermore, we request clarification regarding the IC's interpretation of its jurisdiction, resource constraints, and obligation to transparency. We recognize there has been some variation historically about these parameters and believe that clarity is necessary.<sup>3</sup> If adequately addressed, these challenges could significantly bolster the IC's role in overseeing the Inspector General system.

In pursuit of clarity with an eye to future improvements, we request the following documents:

1. Investigative procedures, guidelines, and protocols, including the legal basis and precedents for these procedures;
2. Case files from investigations that extended longer than one year dating back to January 2020, including summaries, findings, and recommendations, along with their supporting legal documents or judicial rulings;
3. Policies and procedures concerning due process rights, conflict of interest, and whistleblower protections, with references to the relevant legislation or legal guidelines;
4. Training materials, resources, and qualifications for CIGIE and IC members, as well as the supporting academic literature or regulations that inform these qualifications;

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<sup>1</sup> <https://empowr.us/empower-oversight-appeals-cigies-denial-of-foia-requests-into-abuse-allegations-at-fhfa/>

<sup>2</sup> [https://www.ignet.gov/sites/default/files/files/IC890\\_909ReadingRoom\\_Redactedx.pdf](https://www.ignet.gov/sites/default/files/files/IC890_909ReadingRoom_Redactedx.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.crs.gov/Reports/R44198>

5. Budget, financial, and resource allocation documents, citing the relevant financial regulations or guidelines.

Please provide the above information no later than Friday, June 23, 2023. We appreciate your attention to this matter and look forward to ensuring the CIGIE operate transparently, efficiently, and in the best interests of the American people.

Respectfully,



Clay Higgins  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Border Security  
and Enforcement  
Committee on Homeland Security



Pete Sessions  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Government Operations  
and the Federal Workforce  
Committee on Oversight and Accountability

Cc: Members of the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE)