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The Honorable Scott Dahl Inspector General U.S. Department of Labor 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20201

Dear Mr. Dahl:

Enclosed are post-hearing questions that have been directed to you and submitted to the official record for the hearing that was held on Wednesday, September 18, 2019, titled "Overseeing the Overseers: The Council of the Inspectors General @ 10 Years."

In order to ensure a complete hearing record, please return your written response to the Committee on or before Wednesday, October 16, 2019, including each question in full as well as the name of the Member. Your response should be addressed to the Committee office at 2157 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515. Please also send an electronic version of your response by email to Joshua Zucker, Assistant Clerk, at Joshua.Zucker@mail.house.gov.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this request. If you need additional information or have other questions, please contact Elisa LaNier, Chief Clerk, at (202) 225-5051.

Sincerely,

Gerald E. Connolly

Chairman

Subcommittee on Government Operations

Enclosure

cc: The Honorable Mark Meadows, Ranking Member

Questions for Mr. Scott Dahl

Inspector General Department of Labor

Chairperson, Integrity Committee within the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE)

Questions from Chairman Gerald E. Connolly

September 18, 2019, Hearing: "Overseeing the Overseers: The Council of the Inspectors General @ 10 Years"

- 1. Please list any changes to structure or operations that the Integrity Committee has made since enactment of the Inspector General Empowerment Act of 2016 to increase and improve the transparent operations of the Integrity Committee.
- 2. Please provide the process that the Integrity Committee follows when evaluating whether to refer an allegation of wrongdoing for further investigation.
- 3. What factors might help the Integrity Committee determine whether to refer an allegation of wrongdoing for further investigation?
- 4. What additional improvements could be made to the Integrity Committee's operations to improve transparency?
- 5. Would providing Members of Congress a briefing on why a particular allegation was or was not referred for further investigation prompt concerns? Why or why not?
- 6. Would it be helpful to you or to CIGIE leadership to track the number of allegations at each Inspector General over time to determine any trends in the volume or pattern of allegations of wrongdoing?
- 7. What investigatory body examines allegations of wrongdoing against OIG employees who do not qualify as a "staff member" pursuant to the IG Act?
- 8. What steps is the Integrity Committee taking to clarify how and to whom a person can make allegations of wrongdoing against those OIG employees who do not qualify as a "staff member" pursuant to the IG Act?