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The Honorable Darrell Issa, Chairman
House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform
2475 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20151

Dear Chairman Issa:

The Institute of Internal Auditors (The IIA) is pleased to provide this letter of support for your committee's efforts on behalf of our nation's Inspectors General. We strongly encourage continued bipartisan efforts to enact The Inspector General Empowerment Act of 2014 (H.R. 5492) to the extent that it would further empower IGs in the exercise of their vital oversight roles.

America's Inspectors General ensure taxpayer funds are being used responsibly inside the various agencies and offices of the government. The accountability provided through the audits, investigations, and reports of Inspectors General is vital to the proper functioning of government.

The IIA is the recognized world leader in certification, education, research, standards, and guidance for the internal audit profession. It is dedicated to supporting quality, professional, and ethical practices across all industries, as well as public enterprises. Thousands of public-sector employees, including a number of Inspectors General, are among The IIA's more than 60,000 members in the United States and more than 180,000 members worldwide. Additionally, The IIA has established the American Center for Government Auditing (ACGA) providing public sector auditors with the necessary resources to carry out their responsibilities.

We stand ready to assist Congress in identifying further steps that will foster the independence of Inspectors General and facilitate their access to all relevant information to fulfill their legislative and statutory responsibilities.

Sincerely,

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Cc: The Honorable Elijah E. Cummings, Ranking Member