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Association of Inspectors General statement on defunding of the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE)

The Association of Inspectors General (AIG) has significant concerns about the Administration's move to defund the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE) by withholding appropriated funds.

Offices of Inspectors General (OIGs) are nonpartisan watchdogs that save taxpayer dollars and drive efficiency and effectiveness in government by identifying waste, fraud and abuse across all levels of government. Defunding the organization that supports and scrutinizes federal OIGs undermines ongoing government oversight efforts and puts at risk the taxpayer dollars and public service integrity these watchdogs are entrusted to protect.

CIGIE fulfills several functions mandated by Congress that defunding would terminate, including providing trainings and professional development for thousands of federal OIG employees, maintaining quality standards and managing federal OIG peer reviews, and providing hotline and whistleblower reporting capabilities that enable taxpayers to submit allegations of waste, fraud and abuse.

It is imperative that the critical statutory functions of CIGIE continue. The defunding of CIGIE leaves a void in oversight that should concern all taxpayers.

About the Association of Inspectors General

The nonprofit and nonpartisan Association of Inspectors General (AIG) supports independent offices of inspector general in their fight to combat government waste, fraud and abuse—and protect taxpayers' investment in government. AIG represents more than 2,500 members working in oversight roles in state and local municipalities throughout the United States and internationally.