



## ASSOCIATION OF INSPECTORS GENERAL

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### Open Letter to Governor Dan McKee and the Rhode Island General Assembly in Support of Legislation to Establish a Rhode Island Office of Inspector General

Dear Governor Dan McKee, Senate President Valarie J. Lawson, House Speaker Christopher Blazewski, and Members of the Rhode Island General Assembly,

The Association of Inspectors General (AIG) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit and nonpartisan organization that represents thousands of members working in hundreds of offices of inspector general (OIG) across nearly all 50 states, U.S. territories and internationally. For 30 years, AIG has worked to advance government integrity and accountability, and to promote excellence among OIGs, including publishing and promoting the Principles and Standards for Offices of Inspector General (known as the “AIG Green Book”)—widely recognized as the industry standard of principles and best practices for OIGs at every level of government.

**AIG applauds the Rhode Island General Assembly for advancing legislation to create an independent, nonpartisan Rhode Island OIG. We offer our assistance and counsel in any way the Assembly or the Governor determines appropriate to help establish and stand up this office for the people of Rhode Island.**

AIG welcomes the opportunity to serve on the independent advisory commission as outlined in approved bill 2026-H 7127 Sub A that will create a process for the selection of qualified candidates for the state’s new IG position. AIG has worked extensively with legislatures and governing bodies to offer guidance on the creation and continued development of independent, effective and efficient OIGs that stand the test of time. We have the expertise required to support and engage in discussions on various topics in addition to IG selection processes, including: OIG operational and administrative best practices; management of OIGs; the use of peer reviews; reporting; transparency; and independence.

As the General Assembly just resoundingly demonstrated by advancing this legislation, government oversight is not a partisan issue. Everyone should want to improve government efficiency and root out waste, fraud, and abuse of public funds. This is what offices of inspector general have been doing for decades in service of taxpayers. The benefits of an independent statewide inspector general's office—including greater accountability, improved efficiency and financial stewardship, and enhanced public trust and confidence in government—are undeniable.

AIG looks forward to supporting Rhode Island's lawmakers in the establishment of a new statewide office of the inspector general consistent with the government oversight principles and standards that have guided state and local OIGs for three decades.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Will Fletcher". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Will Fletcher, President  
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