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S. 3687

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 15, 2026

Ms. DUCKWORTH (for herself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. SCHIFF, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Mr. WELCH) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Inspectors General
5 Independence Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. APPOINTMENTS.**

7 Section 403(a) of title 5, United States Code, is
8 amended by inserting after the first sentence the fol-
9 lowing: “The President may not nominate an individual

1 to serve as an Inspector General if the individual is serving
2 as a political appointee, as defined in section 9803, as of
3 the date of the nomination or if the individual has pre-
4 viously served as a political appointee under such Presi-
5 dent. The position of Inspector General shall not be con-
6 sidered a political appointee for purposes of this sub-
7 section.”.

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