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TOR GENERAL OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINIS-
TRATION

COMMUNICATION

FROM

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

TRANSMITTING

A NOTIFICATION THAT HANNIBAL WARE, CURRENTLY SERVING AS
INSPECTOR GENERAL OF THE SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRA-
TION, SHALL SERVE CONCURRENTLY AS ACTING INSPECTOR
GENERAL OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION, PURSU-
ANT TO 5 U.S.C. 403 NOTE; ADDED BY PUBLIC LAW 117-263, SEC.
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THE WHITE HOUSE,
Washington, August 23, 2024.

Hon. MIKE JOHNSON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to advise that I am exercising my authority to designate an Acting Inspector General of the Social Security Administration. I have directed that Hannibal Ware, who is currently serving as Inspector General of the Small Business Administration, shall serve concurrently as Acting Inspector General of the Social Security Administration, effective 30 days from today.

On June 29, 2024, Gail Ennis, the Inspector General of the Social Security Administration, retired. The Assistant Inspector General for Audit began performing the functions and duties of the Inspector General in an acting capacity. Prior to Ms. Ennis's retirement, the Chairperson of the Integrity Committee of the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency transmitted a report to the President containing adverse findings against her. The attached letter from Counsel to the President Ed Siskel, which I have incorporated here by reference, provides additional details regarding the Integrity Committee report.

I have determined that during this period of transition, in the wake of the Integrity Committee report, the Office of Inspector General (OIG) at the Social Security Administration would benefit from outside leadership with experience running an Office of Inspector General.

Mr. Ware is well positioned to provide independent and strong leadership to the OIG at the Social Security Administration. He has an exemplary track record as the Inspector General of the Small Business Administration, and he has a leadership role on the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency. His deep well of experience will help the OIG perform its vital role for the Social Security Administration.

Sincerely,

JOSEPH R. BIDEN, Jr.



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 23, 2024

The Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker of the House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Speaker:

This letter provides additional detail regarding the President's decision to designate a new Acting Inspector General of the Social Security Administration (SSA). On May 31, 2024, Gail Ennis informed President Biden that she would be retiring from the position of Inspector General for the Social Security Administration effective June 29, 2024. Upon her retirement, the Assistant Inspector General for Audit began performing the functions and duties of the Inspector General in an acting capacity.

Since May 2022, the Integrity Committee (IC) of the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE) has been investigating whether Ennis and other senior leaders of the SSA Office of Inspector General (OIG) abused their authority and grossly mismanaged the SSA's Civil Monetary Penalty program. On June 21, 2024, the Chairperson of the IC transmitted a report to the President containing adverse findings against Ennis. The report found, among other things, that Ennis "provided incomplete, misleading, and inaccurate representations" to multiple government agencies, "failed to correct those inaccuracies after being formally notified that they were untrue," and "wrongfully obstructed the IC's investigation of her and other SSA OIG executives." Other allegations about SSA OIG's management of the Civil Monetary Penalty program remain under investigation and will be the subject of a later CIGIE IC report.

The President has determined that during this period of transition, in the wake of the CIGIE IC report, SSA OIG would benefit from outside, independent leadership with experience running an Office of Inspector General. He has directed Hannibal Ware, the Inspector General of the Small Business Administration, to serve concurrently as Acting Inspector General of the Social Security Administration, effective 30 days from today. Ware satisfies the eligibility requirements for service as Acting Inspector General under 5 U.S.C. § 403(h)(2)(C).

Sincerely,

Edward N. Siskel
Counsel to the President

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United States House of Representatives

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