

DESIGNATION OF CHRISTIAN SCHRANK (DEPUTY INSPECTOR GENERAL FOR INVESTIGATIONS, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL) AS ACTING INSPECTOR GENERAL OF THE FEDERAL HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY

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MESSAGE

FROM

**THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES**

TRANSMITTING

NOTIFICATION OF THE INTENT TO DESIGNATE CHRISTIAN SCHRANK AS ACTING INSPECTOR GENERAL OF THE FEDERAL HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY, IN PLACE OF THE CURRENT ACTING INSPECTOR GENERAL, JAMES LISLE, PURSUANT TO 5 U.S.C. 403(b); ADDED BY PUBLIC LAW 117-286, SEC. 3(b); (136 STAT. 4209)



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*To the Congress of the United States:*

I am hereby notifying the Congress that I intend to designate Christian Schrank (Deputy Inspector General for Investigations, Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Inspector General) as Acting Inspector General of the Federal Housing Finance Agency, in place of the current Acting Inspector General, James Lisle. Such designation will be effective no less than 30 days from delivery of this message.

The Constitution vests “the executive Power” in the President, who has a duty to “take Care that the Laws be faithfully executed.” U.S. Const., Art. II, § 1, cl. 1; *id.* at § 3. In exercising that power and duty, I have determined that, based on the qualities outlined in 5 U.S.C. 403(a) and the confidence I must place in my appointees, Mr. Schrank is the best available person to serve as Acting Inspector General of the Federal Housing Finance Agency at this time. In my judgment, Mr. Lisle can better serve the Nation performing other duties (i.e., returning to his position as the Federal Housing Finance Agency’s audit director).

I am providing this notification as a courtesy, a show of comity and respect between the executive and legislative branches. It should not be interpreted as a concession that the Congress can limit my power to remove any officer. “Because no single person could fulfill [the President’s] responsibilit[ies] alone, the Framers expected that the President would rely on subordinate officers for assistance.” *Seila Law LLC v. Consumer Financial Protection Bureau*, 591 U.S. 197, 203–204 (2020). And the Constitution gives the President “the authority to remove those who assist him in carrying out his duties.” *Free Enterprise Fund v. Public Company Accounting Oversight Board*, 561 U.S. 477, 513–514 (2010). “Without such power, the President could not be held fully accountable for discharging his own responsibilities; the buck would stop somewhere else.” *Id.* at 514.

Ultimately, I have determined that the priorities of my Administration will be better implemented with this individual in this office. Therefore, I am apprising you of my intention to designate Mr. Schrank as Acting Inspector General of the Federal Housing Finance Agency, effective no less than 30 days from delivery of this message.

DONALD J. TRUMP.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *December 1, 2025.*

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