

THE TERMINATION OF CERTAIN INSPECTOR
GENERALS

COMMUNICATION

FROM

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

TRANSMITTING

AN EXECUTIVE ORDER TERMINATING THE INSPECTOR GENERALS
FOR DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE,
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, DE-
PARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT
OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF THE
INTERIOR, DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, DEPARTMENT OF THE
TREASURY, DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, THE ENVI-
RONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, THE SMALL BUSINESS AD-
MINISTRATION, THE SPECIAL INSPECTOR GENERAL FOR AF-
GHANISTAN RECONSTRUCTION, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF AG-
RICULTURE, PURSUANT TO 5 U.S.C. 403(b); ADDED BY PUBLIC
LAW 117-286, SEC. 3(b); (136 STAT. 4209)



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THE WHITE HOUSE,
Washington, January 28, 2025.

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

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Acting pursuant to my authority under Article II of the Constitution of the United States, I have terminated the Inspectors General for the following executive departments and agencies:

- The Department of Commerce;
- The Department of Defense;
- The Department of Education;
- The Department of Energy;
- The Department of Health and Human Services;
- The Department of Housing and Urban Development;
- The Department of the Interior;
- The Department of Labor;
- The Department of State;
- The Department of Transportation;
- The Department of the Treasury;
- The Department of Veterans Affairs;
- The Environmental Protection Agency;
- The Small Business Administration;
- The Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction; and
- The Department of Agriculture.

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. As the Supreme Court has recognized, “[b]ecause no single person could fulfill that responsibility 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). In order to ensure the President can properly discharge his duty to ensure the laws are faithfully executed, “[s]ince 1789, the Constitution has been understood to empower the President to keep these officers accountable—by removing them from office, if necessary.” *Free Enterprise Fund v. Public Company Accounting Oversight Board*, 561 U.S. 477, 483 (2010).

With a change in Presidential administration comes a change in priorities. I lack confidence in these officers to assist me in faith-

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fully discharging my duties under the law. Thus, they have been terminated.

Sincerely,

DONALD J. TRUMP.

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