

NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO DESIGNATE BRIAN
HARRISON AS ACTING INSPECTOR GENERAL OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DE-
VELOPMENT

COMMUNICATION

FROM

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

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THE WHITE HOUSE,
Washington, July 7, 2025.

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

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: I am hereby notifying the Congress that I intend to designate Brian Harrison (currently Special Agent in Charge and Senior Advisor, Office of the Inspector General) as Acting Inspector General of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, in place of the current Acting Inspector General, Stephen M. Begg. Such designation will be effective no less than 30 days from delivery of this letter.

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. Harrison is the best available person to serve as Acting Inspector General of the Department of Housing and Urban Development at this time. In my judgment, Mr. Begg can better serve the Nation performing other duties (i.e., returning to his position as Deputy Inspector General of the Department of Housing and Urban Development).

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 reflected with new leadership in this office. Therefore, I am apprising you of my intention to designate Mr. Harrison as Acting Inspector General of the Department of Hous-

ing and Urban Development, effective no less than 30 days from
delivery of this letter.
Sincerely,

DONALD J. TRUMP

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