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June 17, 2013

The Honorable Todd J. Zinser
Inspector General
U.S. Department of Commerce
1401 Constitution Avenue NW
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Dear Mr. Zinser:

The role of the community of federal inspectors general (IGs) in combating waste, fraud, and mismanagement of taxpayer dollars is more important than ever. Each year, your office identifies potential reforms that, if implemented, would reduce costs and improve efficiency at the agency.

Pursuant to its jurisdiction, the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform oversees and supports the work of the federal inspectors general. The Committee is positioned to hold agencies accountable that choose to ignore or otherwise fail to implement cost saving measures your office has identified.

The Committee has requested information related to open and unimplemented recommendations every year since 2009. The data provided by the IGs in response to the Committee's annual survey has been extremely valuable. So that the Committee can continue to track the current inventory of open and unimplemented IG recommendations, please provide the following updated information:

1. The current number of open and unimplemented IG recommendations.
2. The cumulative estimated cost savings associated with the current number of open and unimplemented IG recommendations.
3. For those recommendations that would result in cost savings if implemented, specify the recommendation, the date the recommendation was made, and estimate the cost savings that your office believes would be realized if agency management implemented the recommendation.

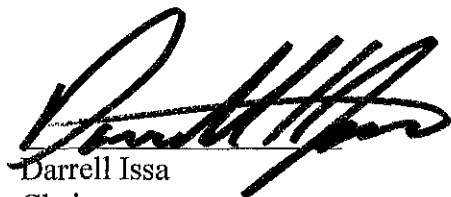
4. Which three open and unimplemented recommendations does your office consider to be most important or urgent? For each, identify:
- The status of the recommendation, including whether agency management has agreed or disagreed with the recommendation and the expected date of implementation; and
 - The cost savings associated with the recommendation (if applicable).
 - Any written report or other document that accompanied the recommendation.

The Committee on Oversight and Government Reform is the principal oversight Committee in the House of Representatives and has broad oversight jurisdiction as set forth in House Rule X.

Please provide the requested information as soon as possible, but by no later than June 28, 2013. Please deliver your responses to the Majority Staff in Room 2157 of the Rayburn House Office Building and the Minority Staff in Room 2471 of the Rayburn House Office Building. The Committee prefers, if possible, to receive all documents in electronic format.

If you have any questions about this request, please contact Jessica Donlon of the Committee Staff at (202) 225-5074. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Darrell Issa
Chairman



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