

11 April 2023

**MEMORANDUM FOR: SENATE HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL
AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (HSGAC),
SENATOR GARY PETERS,
SENATOR MARK WARNER,
REPRESENTATIVE ROB WITTMAN,
COUNCIL OF THE INSPECTORS GENERAL ON
INTEGRITY AND EFFICIENCY (CIGIE)**

**SUBJECT: REFORM OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE INSPECTOR GENERAL
SYSTEM**

Dear esteemed members of Congress and members of CIGIE,

**The members of the United States military have lost faith in the Department of Defense's
Inspector General system.**

This message is clearly and unmistakably conveyed in the 240+ pages of petitions to follow. The DoDIG system should exist to serve as an independent and objective avenue of redress for the service member. It has consistently and unequivocally failed in that mandate. Therefore, the members of the United States military who have submitted the attached petitions are calling on you to implement the following reforms:

- Enact and enforce by-law limits on the length of IG investigations,
- Place Inspectors General so as to not be subordinate to the commanders of the organization they are responsible for overseeing,
- Adequately train Inspectors General to carry out their duties in full accordance with laws and DoD regulations and instructions,
- Hold accountable those Inspectors General who do not carry out their duties in accordance with all laws, regulations, and in the spirit of the IG credo of integrity and efficiency,
- Encourage the Department of Defense to provide counsel for whistleblowers.

Ladies and gentlemen, the United States military finds itself at a crossroads today, suffering from a significant trust deficit and the multiple effects therefrom. The irrefutable failure of the DoDIG system to consistently provide redress with integrity and efficiency is a direct causal factor in that breach of trust. We implore you to engage on this matter in an effort to close that gap. Our readiness and ability to defend this nation depends on it.

Respectfully,

The men and women of the United States military who
have attested to the above