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The Honorable Jason Chaffetz
Chairman
Committee on Oversight and Government Reform
U.S. House of Representatives
2157 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Elijah E. Cummings
Ranking Member
Committee on Oversight and Government Reform
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Chairman Chaffetz and Ranking Member Cummings:

I write to inform you that yesterday afternoon I submitted my resignation to the President (enclosed).

I would like to thank you and your staff for your constant support of the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) Office of the Inspector General (OIG). Each time we have brought an issue to your attention, you listened and took action. For that, you have my deepest gratitude.

I am comforted in knowing that you will continue to support the OIG and the work we do. Our office is filled with highly disciplined and dedicated men and women who work tirelessly towards the same goals you do: combatting fraud, waste, and abuse against OPM programs and activities. Their work protects the health and wellbeing of Federal employees and annuitants, improves the operations of OPM, protects the nation's security, and safeguards the billions of taxpayer dollars entrusted to OPM.

My biggest concern is that after I leave, OPM could suffer the same fate as countless other agencies: that the position of the Inspector General will remain vacant for months, and possibly even years. Over the course of my twenty-five years in the Inspector General Community, I know that an OIG must have a permanent leader in order to fulfill its true potential as an oversight organization.

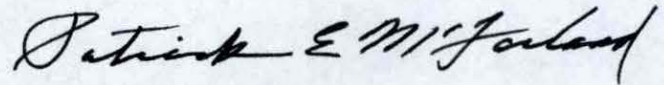
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I hope that Congress will work with the Administration to quickly nominate a candidate and then promptly confirm that individual so that the OPM OIG can continue its great work without any interruption.

Again, I thank you for your years of support and your continued collaboration with the OPM OIG in the battle against fraud, waste, and abuse in and against OPM programs.

Sincerely,



Patrick E. McFarland
Inspector General

cc: The Honorable Mark Meadows, Chairman, Subcommittee on Government Operations, Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable Gerald E. Connolly, Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Government Operations, Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, U.S. House of Representatives