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The Honorable Harold Dallas Rogers
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
H-305 Capitol Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Thad Cochran
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. Senate
S-128 Capitol Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Nita M. Lowey
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Barbara A. Mikulski
Vice Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. Senate
S-128 Capitol Building
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Dear Chairman Rogers, Chairman Cochran, Ranking Member Lowey, and Vice Chairwoman Mikulski:

I write to inform you that yesterday I submitted my resignation to the President, which is enclosed.

I wish to thank you for the support you have shown for the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) Office of the Inspector General (OIG). Each year, your Committees closely examine the activities of the OIG and see firsthand the positive impact of our work. The men and women in the OIG are highly disciplined and tirelessly work to protect the health and wellbeing of Federal employees and annuitants, improve the efficiency of OPM programs, protect our nation's security, and safeguard the billions of taxpayer dollars entrusted to OPM.

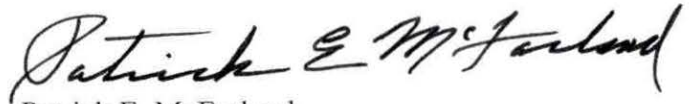
I strongly urge you to continue to invest in our work. In particular, as OPM moves forward with its agency-wide information technology improvement project, it is crucial that the OIG have the resources to conduct the significant level of oversight that this project demands. It already appears that this project will cost well over \$100 million. We have an obligation to the American taxpayers to do everything within our power to see that these funds are spent responsibly, and that the end product is of high quality. We cannot do that without your help.

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Again, I thank you for your years of support and your continued belief in the value of strong oversight. By working together, we can ensure that taxpayer dollars are spent effectively and efficiently.

Sincerely,



Patrick E. McFarland
Inspector General

cc: The Honorable Ander Crenshaw, Chairman, Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, Committee on Appropriations, U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable José Enrique Serrano, Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, Committee on Appropriations, U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable John Boozman, Chairman, Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, Committee on Appropriations, U.S. Senate

The Honorable Chris Coons, Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, Committee on Appropriations, U.S. Senate