

## OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL U.S. OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Washington, DC 20415

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The Honorable Gerald E. Connolly Ranking Member U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Oversight and Government Reform 2265 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Ranking Member Connolly and Honorable Minority Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the letter, dated February 6, 2025, in which you and your colleagues expressed urgent concerns related to potential unauthorized access of government networks and sensitive information at certain federal agencies, including at the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM). You requested that the OPM Office of the Inspector General (OIG) assess the security of government networks, determine whether OPM followed appropriate protocols, and provide responses to specific questions related to network security at OPM. The OPM OIG has reviewed your request and incorporated parts of your request into existing work. We have also initiated a new engagement on specific emerging risks at OPM that are related to issues raised in your letter.

The OPM OIG is committed to providing independent and objective oversight of OPM's programs and operations. The OPM OIG also takes seriously the integrity of OPM's information technology (IT) security program. Our office has long engaged in oversight of OPM's IT security program not only as required by statute but also based on developing risks identified through our ongoing risk assessment efforts.

Several of the concerns you expressed in your letter touch on issues that the OPM OIG evaluates as part of our annual reviews of OPM's IT and financial systems, and we plan to incorporate those concerns into these existing projects. We have also just begun an engagement to assess risks associated with new and modified information systems at OPM. We believe that, ultimately, our new engagement will broadly address many of your questions related to the integrity of OPM systems. We will provide you with an update once we have completed our review.

If you or your staff have any questions or concerns, you may contact me at 202-606-1200. Thank you for your interest and continued support of the oversight work of the Inspectors General.

Sincerely,

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Deputy Inspector General Performing the Duties of the Inspector General

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cc: The Honorable James Comer Chairman, U.S. House of Representatives, Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

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