

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

118TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

H. R. \_\_\_\_\_

To enhance the oversight authorities of certain Inspectors General, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

M. \_\_\_\_\_ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

A BILL

To enhance the oversight authorities of certain Inspectors General, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “\_\_\_\_\_ Act  
5 of 2024”.

6 **SEC. 2. INSPECTOR GENERAL TESTIMONIAL SUBPOENA AU-**  
7 **THORITY.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—

1           (1) **AUTHORITY.**—In addition to the authority  
2 otherwise provided by the Inspector General Act of  
3 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.), a covered Inspector General  
4 (as such term is defined in section 3) may require  
5 by subpoena the attendance and testimony of wit-  
6 nesses as necessary in the performance of the func-  
7 tions assigned to the Inspector General by the In-  
8 spector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.), which  
9 in the case of contumacy or refusal to obey, such  
10 subpoena shall be enforceable by order of any appro-  
11 priate district court of the United States.

12           (2) **LIMITATION.**—A covered Inspector General  
13 may not require by subpoena the attendance and  
14 testimony under paragraph (1) of any current Fed-  
15 eral employee.

16           (b) **PROHIBITION OF DELEGATION.**—The authority  
17 to issue a subpoena under subsection (a) may not be dele-  
18 gated.

19           (c) **ISSUANCE.**—

20           (1) **NOTIFICATION.**—The covered Inspector  
21 General shall notify the Attorney General of the in-  
22 tent to issue a subpoena under subsection (a).

23           (2) **OBJECTION.**—Not later than 10 days after  
24 the date on which the Attorney General is notified  
25 pursuant to paragraph (1), the Attorney General

1       may object in writing to the issuance of the sub-  
2       poena if the subpoena will interfere with an ongoing  
3       investigation and, if the Attorney General makes  
4       such an objection, the covered Inspector General  
5       may not issue the subpoena.

6           (3) NO OBJECTION.—If the Attorney General  
7       does not object in writing to the issuance of the sub-  
8       poena during the 10-day period described in para-  
9       graph (2), the covered Inspector General may issue  
10      the subpoena.

11      (d) WITNESSES.—

12           (1) NOTIFICATION; TESTIMONY.—Before re-  
13      quiring by subpoena under subsection (a) the at-  
14      tendance and testimony of a witness, the covered In-  
15      spector General shall, to the degree practicable—

16           (A) notify the witness of the intent of the  
17      covered Inspector General to issue the sub-  
18      poena; and

19           (B) provide the witness an opportunity to  
20      attend and testify voluntarily.

21           (2) TRAVEL.—Whenever requiring by subpoena  
22      under subsection (a) the attendance and testimony  
23      of a witness, the covered Inspector General shall, to  
24      the greatest extent practicable, travel to residence of  
25      the witness, the principal place of business of the

1 witness, or other similar location that is in proximity  
2 to the residence of the witness.

3 (e) REPORTS.—

4 (1) SEMIANNUAL REPORTS.—Along with each  
5 semiannual report submitted by a covered Inspector  
6 General pursuant to section 405(b) of title 5, United  
7 States Code, the covered Inspector General shall in-  
8 clude a report on the exercise of the authority pro-  
9 vided by subsection (a).

10 (2) CONTENTS.—Each report submitted under  
11 paragraph (1) shall include, for the most recently  
12 completed six-month period, the following:

13 (A) The number of testimonial subpoenas  
14 issued and the number of individuals inter-  
15 viewed pursuant to such subpoenas.

16 (B) The number of proposed testimonial  
17 subpoenas with respect to which the Attorney  
18 General objected under subsection (c)(2).

19 (C) A discussion of any challenges or con-  
20 cerns that the covered Inspector General has  
21 encountered exercising the authority provided  
22 by subsection (a).

23 (D) Such other matters as the covered In-  
24 spector General considers appropriate.

1 **SEC. 3. DEFINITION.**

2 For purposes of this Act, the term “covered Inspector  
3 General” means—

4 (1) the Inspector General of the Department of  
5 Housing and Urban Development; and

6 (2) the Inspector General of the Federal Hous-  
7 ing Finance Agency.