

**Chairman Scott, Ranking Member Warren, and Distinguished Members of the Committee:**

Thank you for the opportunity to appear before you today as you consider my nomination to serve as the Inspector General for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). I am deeply honored by the trust placed in me by President Trump. I am also honored to be here today with my wife, Reka, who has been steadfast in her support of me throughout my career and through this confirmation process. If confirmed, I look forward to working with this Committee and all members of Congress to ensure robust, independent oversight of HUD and its program participants.

I have served my country as a soldier and a public servant for 36 years. More than 30 of those years have been dedicated to federal law enforcement across six presidential administrations from both political parties. In my career, I have never wavered from the foundational commitment to objectively apply facts and law, completely independent of political considerations. Should I be confirmed for this position, I commit to doing the same as the inspector general.

The inspector general community was my professional home for most of my law enforcement career. Serving as both a special agent and as a leader with the Department of Defense Office of Inspector General, I directed complex, multi-jurisdictional investigations in partnership with nearly every major federal law enforcement agency, and many other offices of inspector general. I have personally conducted or supervised work returning more than \$100 million to the federal government. Highlighting the breadth of my experience, I was honored to serve during my career on the FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force, a Homeland Security Investigations Task Force, and the International Contract Corruption Task Force in Baghdad, Iraq.

My law enforcement career is not limited, however, to the Department of Defense Office of Inspector General. I started it as a soldier and special agent with the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Division, a role I continued in the

U.S. Army Reserve. I ultimately reached the rank of Chief Warrant Officer 5, the most senior rank available to a special agent in the U.S. Army. With several tours of active-duty service, I gained significant executive experience by commanding the largest Army CID detachment in history and leading personnel that provide global security for the Secretary of Defense and other senior Pentagon officials.

If confirmed by the U.S. Senate, I will bring decades of investigative and leadership experience to HUD and look forward to working with the professional staff of HUD OIG. I understand first-hand the importance of timely, thorough, objective, and independent oversight work that prevents and detects fraud, waste, and abuse, protects whistleblowers, and promotes efficiency, effectiveness, and economy. Should I be confirmed, I am committed to delivering this work and the unvarnished truth to the Secretary and Congress, ensuring that both are fully and currently informed.

My career has equipped me with the investigative expertise, management acumen, and moral courage necessary to safeguard taxpayer dollars and the integrity of HUD's mission. I am honored by your consideration today.

Thank you, and I look forward to answering your questions.