

Opening Statement of Brian D. Miller
Nominee to Serve as Special Inspector General for Pandemic Recovery
Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
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I want to thank the Chairman and Ranking Member for having this hearing. I want to thank President Trump for nominating me. Most of all, I want to thank my wife and family for their encouragement to continue public service, especially in such a demanding job. Thank you.

I have been fortunate to have a long career in public service that has prepared me well for this position. I have close to 30 years of experience in the Federal government. Fifteen years in the Department of Justice and nearly 10 years as the Senate confirmed Inspector General of the General Services Administration, serving across Republican and Democrat administrations. I have also served as an independent corporate monitor and practiced law in the areas of ethics and compliance, government contracts, and internal investigations.

I am amazed and humbled by the letters of support that I received in such a short time period of time during a pandemic. I am deeply grateful to those who signed from all varieties of political stripes—from officials in the Obama, Bush, and Clinton administrations. I would like them to know that I will always endeavor to be the man they describe in their letters.

If confirmed, I will conduct every audit and investigation with fairness and impartiality. I will be vigilant to protect the integrity and independence of the Office of Special Inspector General. I pledge to seek the truth in all matters that come before me and to use my authority and resources to uncover fraud, waste, and abuse. I stand ready to answer any of your questions. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.