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Senator Grassley,

1. This is my third letter disclosing to you and your committee the failure of the membership of the Council of Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE) and the Integrity Committee (IC) to safeguard the Merit System and protect federal whistleblowers.

2. As you know, on **15 May 2020**, I notified Michael J. Regis, in his capacity as the Executive Chairperson, CIGIE, that the membership of the IC, established by Congress to receive, review, and refer for investigation allegations of wrongdoing leveled against members of the CIGIE, duly appointed by CIGIE Chairperson **Michael E. Horowitz**, had refused to refer allegations of criminal misconduct leveled against senior leaders of the CIGIE and the CIGIE (IC). [See: enclosure (1).]

3. On **30 August 2020**, I have again written to Michael J. Regis to demand that he fulfill his statutory responsibility, in accordance with the Inspector General Act, as amended, and immediately refer my disclosures of **15 May 2020** to Attorney General, **William P. Barr**, for independent and objective investigation into a collaborative inter-agency effort by Inspectors General to obstruct multiple reported allegations of Inspector General wrongdoing (18 U.S.C. § 1505/18 U.S.C. § 242). [See: enclosure (2).]

4. Instead of an independent and objective investigation, on **22 July 2020**, I received a response to my disclosure from **Kevin H. Winters**, Chairperson CIGIE IC, who notified me that the CIGIE IC “*will take to further action on this matter at this time*,” CIGIE IC Case #20-054, claiming independent entity authority [5 U.S.C. App. (“IG Act”) § 11(a) (1)] allowing the Chairperson of the CIGIE Integrity Committee (IC) to avoid referral of criminal misconduct by members of the CIGIE to the U.S. Attorney General in accordance with federal statute [5 U.S.C. App. (“IG Act”) Section 4(d)]. [See: enclosure (3).]

5. Incredibly, **Kevin H. Winters**, as Chairperson of the CIGIE IG, invokes authority to “*take no further action on this matter at this time*” under the rubric of a locally generated *Integrity Committee Policies & Procedures 2018 Manual* (2018/13 April 2018) as a vehicle to shield CIGIE Integrity Committee (IC) members from legitimate criminal investigation in direct violation of the statutory requirements of the IG Act and 18 U.S.C. § 1505.

6. **Kevin H. Winters** has taken this action despite the fact that he has a direct interest in ensuring that legitimate investigation into the criminal activity of the membership of the CIGIE (IC), to include himself, does not receive independent and objective federal investigation.

7. I again request that you sponsor immediate oversight hearings to address fatal legislative and administrative infirmities that threaten the independent federal investigative process (Administrative/ Criminal) that undermines: (1.) the Inspector General Act (IG Act) of 1978, as amended; (2.) Whistleblower Protection Act (WPA), as amended, and (3.) are a violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1505/18 U.S.C. 242.

8. I am immediately available to meet with your staff to provide documentation that includes the names of other whistleblowers who have experienced similar patterns of misconduct by the membership of the CIGIE and the IC.

9. I have attached the 09 September 2020 Certified Mail Receipt from the United States Post Office confirming my letter to you. [See: Enclosure 4.]

V/r,

John R. Crane

Enclosures:

(1) J.R. Crane to M.J. Regis letter dated 15 May 2020

(2) J.R. Crane to M.J. Regis letter dated 30 August 2020

(3) K.H. Winters to J.R. Crane letter dated 22 July 2020

(4) J.R. Crane Certified Mail Receipt ltr to Senator C.E. Grassley dtd 09 September 2020

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