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The Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr.  
President of the United States  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Biden:

We write to urge you to prioritize the nomination of a highly qualified candidate to fill the Inspector General (IG) vacancy at the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

On March 23, 2018, President Donald J. Trump signed RAY BAUM'S Act (Division P of P.L. 115-141) into law, which established the FCC's IG as a Presidentially appointed position requiring the advice and consent of the United States Senate.<sup>1</sup> Since enactment, this position has been vacant. While the law provides that the existing IG may continue to perform these functions until a nominee is confirmed by the Senate, it has been over a year and a half since you took office without nominating a candidate.

Under your leadership, the FCC's IG issued an advisory about fraud and abuse in an FCC program.<sup>2</sup> Given the unprecedented funding made available to the FCC in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and the increased potential for waste, fraud, and abuse, we ask that you expedite the nomination of a candidate to serve as the FCC's IG.

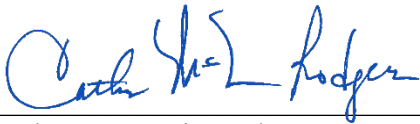
Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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<sup>1</sup> "Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018," Public Law 115-141, Division P, Title V, § 501

<sup>2</sup> See, Letter from Republican Leaders McMorris Rodgers and Latta to FCC Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel, December 13, 2021. Available at: [https://republicans-energycommerce.house.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Letter-to-Rosenworcel-re-EBB-Fraud\\_FINAL.pdf](https://republicans-energycommerce.house.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Letter-to-Rosenworcel-re-EBB-Fraud_FINAL.pdf)



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