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Senator Brian Schatz Chairman, Senate Subcommittee on Transportation, HUD and Related Agencies 722 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

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Subject: Submission of Inspector General Complaints of Fraud Waste and Abuse Regarding HUD NSPIRE Program Mismanagement

Dear Senator Schatz,

I am writing to formally submit the attached Inspector General (IG) complaints concerning the management of the NSPIRE program in the Public and Indian Housing Division at Housing and Urban Development. These documents detail significant issues of fraud, waste, and abuse that have not been adequately addressed, resulting in substantial misuse of taxpayer dollars.

Key Issues: The National Standards for the Physical Inspection of Real Estate (NSPIRE) program, initiated by the HUD PIH, represents a critical effort in enhancing the quality and effectiveness of

housing inspections across the United States. The app to implement NSPIRE has been poorly sourced, and Salesforce was chosen to develop the NSPIRE app to inspect 5.5 million resident units.

- NSPIRE Application Failure: The current application, built on Salesforce, has proven to be costly and inefficient, leading to operational challenges and user dissatisfaction.
- Managerial Oversight: There have been critical lapses in oversight, contributing to ongoing mismanagement and financial waste.

It is our duty to report these continued issues to you, as the Chairman, Senate Subcommittee on Transportation, HUD and Related Agencies, to ensure accountability and transparency. I urge your office to conduct a thorough investigation and take the necessary corrective actions to safeguard public resources.

Please find the detailed complaints attached for your review. We are available for any further information or clarification you may require.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

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