July 22, 2009

The Honorable Joseph Lieberman
Chairman
Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
United States Senate
340 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

**Subject: Amendment #1679 to the Department of Defense Authorization Bill
(S.1390) Amending Provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act**

Dear Chairman Lieberman:

As Chair of the Legislation Committee of the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and
Efficiency (CIGIE), I am writing to convey the support of the Inspector General (IG) community
for Amendment #1679. This amendment would exempt from the Paperwork Reduction Act
(PRA) information collected during the conduct of any investigation, audit, inspection,
evaluation, or other review conducted by a Federal Office of Inspector General. Amendment
#1679, as introduced by Senator Grassley, has fully addressed the concerns of the IG community
expressed in previous correspondence.

Amendment #1679 will exempt the IGs from the PRA's burdensome and intrusive requirements
thereby ensuring that the independence of IGs is not compromised while collecting information
during the conduct of an investigation, audit, inspection, or evaluation. In turn, information
surveys and data collection tools will be more readily available to IGs in their efforts to deter and
detect waste, fraud and abuse. Given the increased oversight requirements over stimulus
funding, these tools are becoming increasingly important.

We are pleased with the introduction of Amendment #1679 by Senator Grassley, and urge
support of its passage. We are also conveying our comments to Ranking Member Collins, as
well as Chairman Levin and Ranking Member McCain of the Armed Services Committee.
Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or for additional information.

Sincerely,

J. Anthony Ogden
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Chair, Legislation Committee
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c: The Honorable Charles Grassley