



Council of the
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The Honorable Susan Collins
United States Senate
413 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Re: S. 629, Part-Time Reemployment of Annuitants Act of 2009

Dear Senator Collins:

As Chairman of the Legislation Committee of the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE), I am writing to express the support of the Inspector General (IG) community for S. 629, the Part-Time Reemployment of Annuitants Act of 2009. This legislation would provide the IG community with an extra hiring flexibility to accomplish its expanded oversight responsibilities under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act).

As you may recall, the CIGIE Chair, Phyllis Fong, gave testimony before the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on March 5, 2009. In her testimony, she noted that one of the challenges facing IGs for Recovery Act oversight is “meeting staffing needs, training new hires and obtaining contractor assistance with experience in the targeted program areas.” The IG community believes that this legislation would provide an extra hiring flexibility to reach retired annuitants, for temporary engagements, who have relevant experience in critical oversight areas and could provide specific training to existing OIG staff.¹

I appreciate the opportunity to express the support of the IG community for this legislation. If you have any questions or need more information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 202-512-2288.

Sincerely,

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Chair, Legislation Committee
Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency

¹ The Inspector General Reform Act of 2008, Pub. L. 110-409, gave IGs the “functions, powers, and duties of an agency head” with respect to the provisions related to retired annuitants under 5 U.S.C. §§ 8344, 8468.