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Statement of EPA Inspector General Sean O'Donnell on House Committee on Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations

Today's hearing calls attention to potential vulnerabilities in the EPA's \$5 billion Clean School Bus Program, highlighting challenges the Agency faces in managing this sizable taxpayer investment. By focusing our oversight on areas where the EPA has demonstrated the need for stronger internal controls, we hope to help the Agency avoid historical pitfalls and safeguard funds intended to protect the health of our children and the environment.

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