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## **Statement of EPA Inspector General Sean O'Donnell on House Science, Space, and Technology Committee Hearing**

Today's hearing highlights the return on investment that Inspectors General provide the American taxpayer-returns that have only amplified in the wake of historic levels of supplemental funding through legislation like the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and the Inflation Reduction Act. At the EPA OIG, it is our belief that, no matter how many hands the money passes through, taxpayer dollars remain a trust held on behalf of American taxpayers, and it is the shared responsibility of federal agencies and the inspectors general who oversee them to act with integrity and transparency and ensure those funds achieve their intended purpose. From our daily oversight work of EPA operations and programs to our timely oversight of emerging issues to our continuous effort to reach and protect whistleblowers, the EPA OIG is leading the fight against fraud, waste, and abuse in government spending.

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