

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

November 10, 2025

The Honorable Donald J. Trump
President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Trump:

We write regarding your apparent removal of Mr. John “Joe” Allen from his post as the Acting Inspector General of the Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA).

Federal law requires that Congress be notified and provided with a justification at least 30 days before an inspector general is removed from office. The Administration did not provide notice or an explanation for Mr. Allen’s firing, but FHFA’s website currently lists the Inspector General position as vacant. According to a November 3rd Reuters news article, Mr. Allen was removed from his position just as he was preparing to notify Congress that FHFA was not cooperating with the Inspector General’s office.

The removal of the Acting Inspector General adds to the cloud of uncertainty hanging over FHFA, which, under Director William J. “Bill” Pulte, has operated in a highly partisan and legally questionable fashion. As we noted in the enclosed letter to the former FHFA Inspector General at the very start of Mr. Pulte’s tenure, Mr. Pulte appears to have violated Federal law by appointing himself Chairman of the Boards of Directors at Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, and he seems to have run afoul of FHFA regulations by installing business associates and unqualified partisan loyalists to independent positions at both companies. In the time since, Mr. Pulte has used agency resources to partisanly and publicly accuse three public officials of mortgage fraud and to meddle in the affairs of the Federal Reserve, an independent entity over which he has no jurisdiction.

In its reporting, Reuters also noted that just before his firing Mr. Allen had made efforts to provide information to the office of Lindsey Halligan, the interim U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, who is prosecuting New York Attorney General Letitia James at your direction based on Mr. Pulte’s accusations. According to the article, the information Mr. Allen turned over was “constitutionally required” and “potentially relevant in discovery.”

These reports deserve scrutiny and independent investigation, as does the conduct of Mr. Pulte. To that end, we ask that, not later than November 19, 2025, you provide a full explanation for your removal of Mr. Allen and for recent press reports concerning circumstances surrounding his firing, which we have outlined here.

Thank you for your attention to this serious matter.

Sincerely,



Jack Reed
United States Senator



Elizabeth Warren
Ranking Member
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